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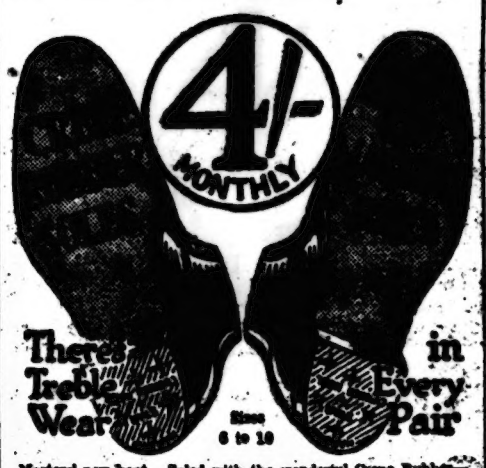

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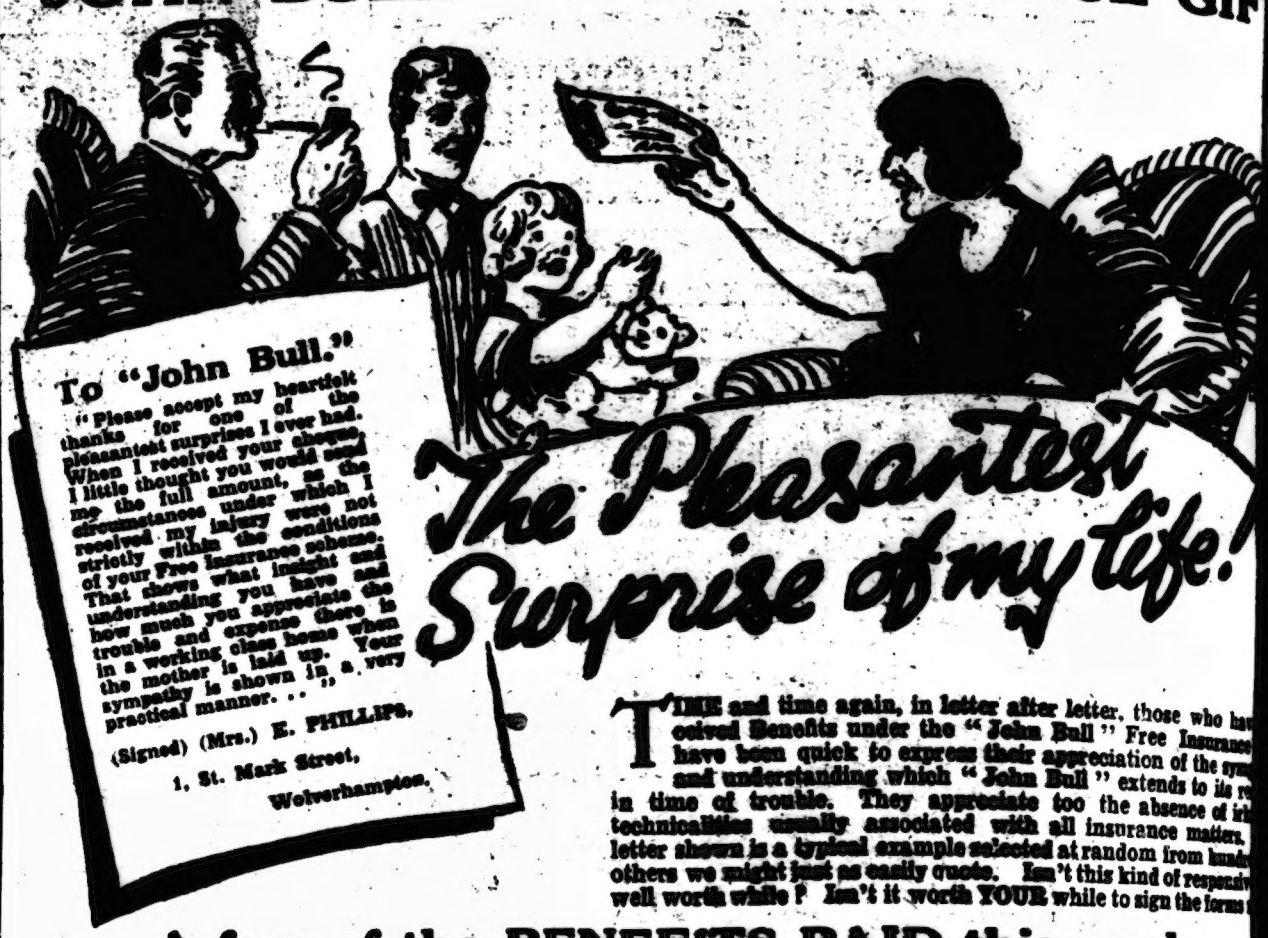

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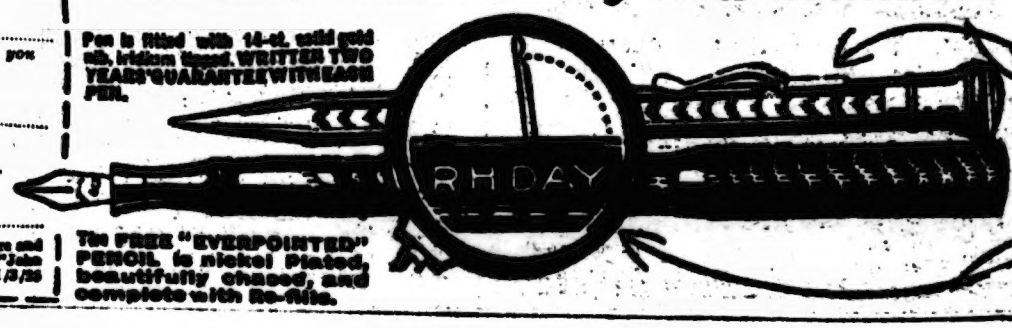

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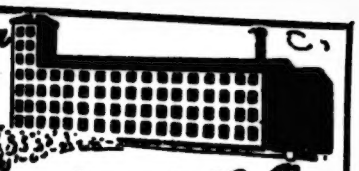

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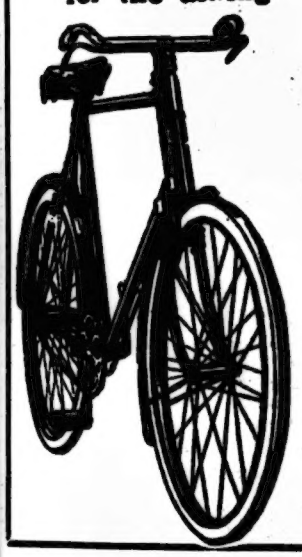

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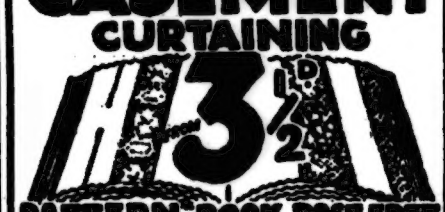

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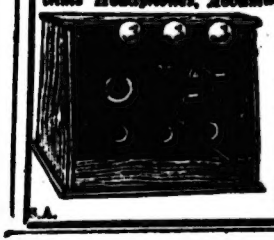

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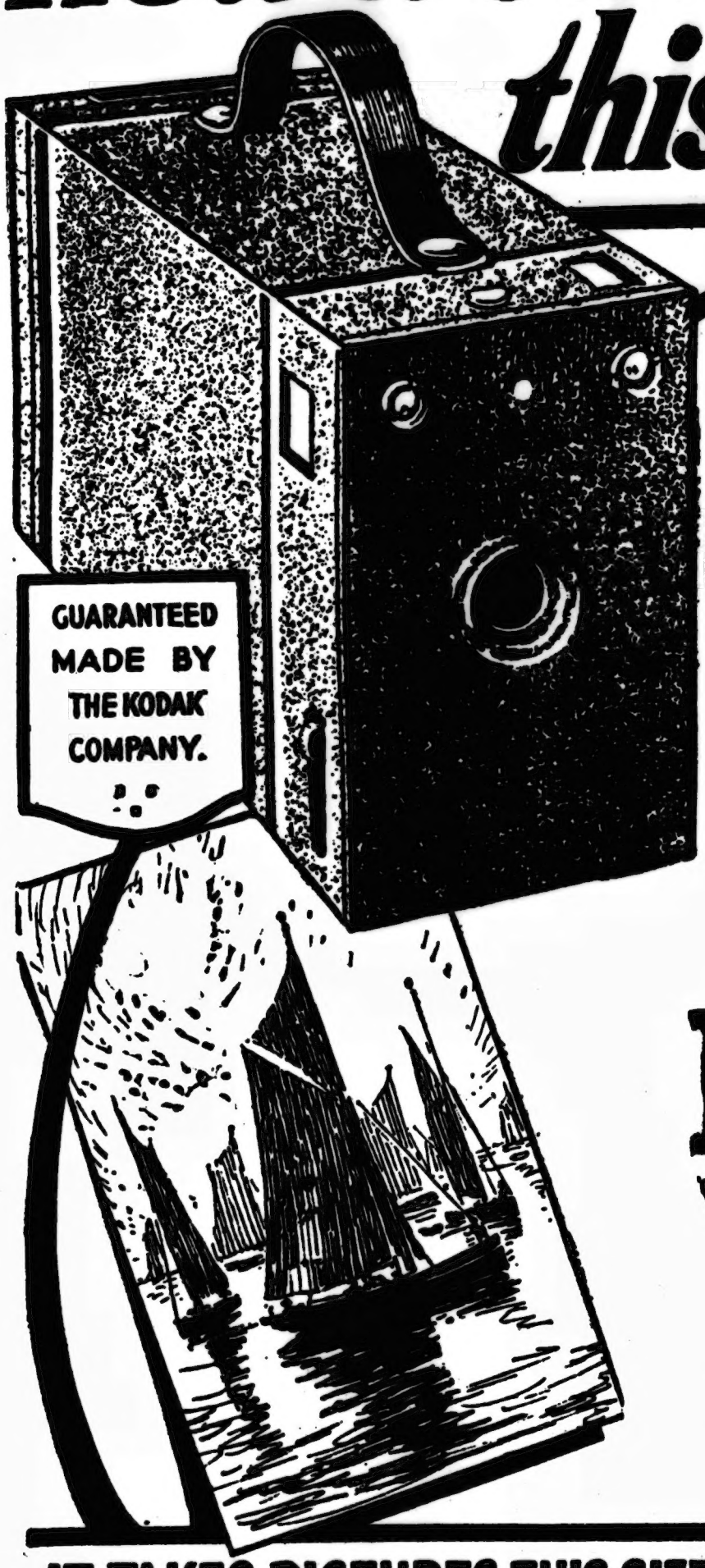

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Good Time Coming.
Sixpence off the income-tax next month means that the Chancellor of the Exchequer hopes for better trade and better employment. Otherwise the sixpence could not be spared.

Plucky Premier.
Mr. Baldwin's big "Peace" speech has alienated the Diehards of his Party. There's trouble ahead for him. But the country's behind him.

Risk and Security.
Mr. Baldwin is between two fires, the progressives and the die-hards. Using national credit to re-establish industry, he would have the working men on his side. Bold policy pays.

Paris Talks.
Some dangerous French hopes have already been checked by Mr. Austen Chamberlain's visits to Paris and Geneva; but he must beware of the French Foreign Office's adroit persistence. If he seems to yield a point, look for the snag.

Play or Force.
In France, as elsewhere, what the plain man wants is peace and security. The French Foreign Office will have to realise that a European system which ensures a square deal for all nations is the only system any armed force can guarantee.

Watch Maxton!
Whatever the Press may say, "Jimmy" Maxton is the man on whom Labour's Left Wing centres its hope. He says little, but he is working hard for the end he has in view.

Merging Parties.
We have often forecast a split in the Labour Party. We do so again. Behind the scenes things are happening with considerable rapidity.

Another Cut Needed.
The Navy Estimates give a sharp reminder that the Washington Conference left the job less than half done. It has not kept our own expenditure from rising, and merely gave weaker Powers a chance to get ahead with poisonous mosquito

Australia's Need.
In view of Australia's attitude, the Government will be forced to go on with the naval base at Singapore. But the Cabinet is not by any means unanimous on the question.

The Gold Boosters.
"Crucified on a cross of gold"—once a famous phrase of Mr. Bryan in America—may yet be true of this country if business men and the public do not watch very closely the campaign of the money power to restore "the gold standard."

The Currency.
The return of the gold standard will mean nothing more nor less than the acknowledgment by us of the supremacy of the U.S.A. Mark our words.

Teuton *v.* Britisher.
At the moment that England increased her Bank rate by 1 per cent., Germany reduced hers by a similar figure. It's significant.

Talk and Turkey.
While the League of Nations is determining the future of Mosul, Turkey has seized the excuse of a local outbreak to concentrate troops in that region. Actions speak louder than words.

Self-Government for India.
A famous Indian once said: "Within six weeks of the English leaving India, there will not be left a rupee in Bombay or a virgin in Bengal." We will leave it at that.

No More Chanaks.
We warn the public that once again materials for an explosion are laid in Mesopotamia. For the Government to remain there is to risk being thrown out.

Belgium Can Do It.
The rebuilding of war-ravaged Belgium, says M. Cammaerts, is practically completed. In this country we are still blaming one another for not getting on with it.

Give Them Bricks.
In Manchester, thanks to getting together, the housing authorities and trades seem in a fair way to solve the labour difficulty. Now let the Government see they have bricks.

Lucky Revenue Losers.
But for the wary High Court Judge who decided against them, the income-tax people, in trying to get a few pounds out of a rare specimen who lives on betting wins, would have exposed themselves to the devastating possibility of deduction of betting losses from taxable income. In the nick of time Mr. Churchill's Budget was saved.

Did YOU get "The People" last Sunday?

Revolution or Evolution?
If Mr. Cook has his way this country will be faced before the year is out with something far more formidable than the one-time Triple Alliance. But there is just a dim possibility that he will not have his way.

What's Wanted.
If British industry is to be saved there must be immediate reorganisation of our coal-fields. Results will depend upon reciprocal good will between masters and men.

The Luxury of Sleep.
It has been brought to the notice of the Minister of Transport that there is an insufficiency of third-class sleeping accommodation on the railways. He has noted the fact—and forgotten it.

The Right Spirit.
British shipowners announce readiness to forego profits if the yards can be kept at work. They admit wages are too low. This limits the trouble to the sources of supply. A job for the Government to tackle.

How to Fight.
German firms are quoting for marine castings prices one-half below our cheapest. What we want is less expenditure on armaments and a reduction of the taxation throttling British industry. Otherwise, British trade is rattling to ruin.

Why Delay?
It is admitted on all hands that revision of the Factories Act is urgent. A new Bill has been under consideration since 1913. For what are we waiting?

The Folly of It.
Collieries closing down in Scottish coal-fields leave ten thousand miners idle. Unemployment leaves twice ten thousand households wanting coal. Industries languish because of high prices. Can lunacy go further?

Things We Eat.
The Imperial Economic Committee, sitting to consider methods of marketing Colonial foodstuffs to the exclusion of foreign products, should at the same time discuss the possibility of cultivating more land within these islands. The present position is scandalous.

A Portent.
Great Britain is only able to produce 30 per cent. of her own requirements in food supply. The remaining 70 per cent. comes from abroad. On that single fact our nation may flounder.

A Ridiculous Restriction.
Lord Apsley's request that spirits should be obtainable for medicinal purposes out of regulation hours has been abruptly dismissed by Sir William Joynson-Hicks. But that is not the last he will hear on the subject.

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Problems of Life.

Saying "No" to Oneself

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

ONE of the most pernicious influences of the present day is the cult of licence in the name of liberty.

Our young people of both sexes are being taught, and are much inclined to claim, a freedom from restraint such as their elders never knew.

They are encouraged in this by the doctrines of the Freudian school of psycho-analysts who tell us that many mental and physical troubles are traceable to the repression of natural instincts—mostly sex instincts—and that deliverance is to be sought in gratifying these in one way or another, not in ignoring or crushing them.

IT is true that this teaching has been misunderstood and perverted to some extent.

Its basic principle really is that an instinct which, if denied satisfaction, will work harm to body and soul, can be "sublimated"—that is, given a good direction instead of a bad one—and made to increase the beauty and joy of life.

But its danger lies in the false emphasis it places upon the desirableness of doing what one likes.

Human nature needs no stimulus towards giving rein to appetite: it has always been ready enough to do that, and thereby work ruin and destruction for itself in the very act of grasping at pleasure.

The plain undeniable truth is that our power of self-inhibition is of vastly more importance to our all-round good than an unhampered facility in seeking delight.

In other words, the ability to say "No" to ourselves is of much greater worth to us than any self-indulgence.

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WHEN the younger generation laughs at nineteenth-century stuffiness, hypocrisy, and sentimentality it should be prepared to acknowledge the value of nineteenth-century standards of self-determination and self-control.

Human nature was the same then as now, and in avoiding the mistakes of our grandparents we should be careful not to plunge into the opposite.

In getting rid of artificial taboos let us hold on to essentials.

Emancipation from restraints is not admirable in itself, but only as an open door to finer living.

Self-denial is an indispensable condition of all true self-expression.

**** Many of Dr. Campbell's previous articles have been published in book form under the title of "A Book of Homely Wisdom" (5s. John Lane).*

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Making Rebels.

The Glasgow Rents Commission is being given eye-openers. In Hamilton eight thousand persons live in less than two thousand rooms. This may suggest that building, not evictions, is the cure.

Food Prices.

A big effort will shortly be made by the Labour Party to go into the matter of food prices on their own responsibility. We are glad to hear it.

Tea "Down."

Tea is to drop twopence per pound. Since January wholesale prices have declined sevenpence per pound. Profiteers release their hold with suspicious slowness.

Poisoned Food.

The continued use in some restaurants of large quantities of boric acid in the food they supply calls for stringent reforms in the dietary regulations. Official action is both necessary and urgent.

Eat More Fish.

Our yearly consumption of fish is declining. The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, in presenting its five-yearly Report, advocates the bringing down of prices. We came to that conclusion months ago without the help of a Government survey.

Death Dealt by Jam.

The Ministry of Health is investigating the prevalence of glass particles in bottled foods. The facts are startling. Only adequate inspection of factories, and exemplary sentences on offenders, will meet the case.

Up the Revolution!

The Health Ministry would stultify itself if it heeded the outcry of interested Parties that the recommendations of the Departmental Committee on Food Preservatives would "revolutionise many of the processes of food manufacture which have hitherto been in use." That is the very thing needed.

Not To Let.

There are nearly 10,000 empty houses within the county of London. And the house-shortage, we are told, continues!

A National Danger.

Damage by smoke costs this country £32,000,000 per year. When it is recognised also as an important factor in producing a C3 population, something will be done.

The Peace Pact.

A new garrison town, accommodating 20,000 regular troops, is to be erected in Yorkshire. Thus, presumably, we set the pace for world disarmament!

Give Youth a Chance.

Lord Esher declares that politicians are too old at forty. By this test only one member of the Cabinet, Lord Percy, would survive. But it's an idea.

Brutes Beware!

The Home Office is seriously considering the advisability of punishing the crime of cruelty to animals with greater severity. We have always advocated it.

Cage Comforts.

Mr. Lansbury states that the criminal classes are better looked after than the rest of us. Nevertheless, in spite of the benefits of going to prison, we prefer to look after ourselves.

Common Sense.

There is a revolt within the Church of England against the granting of livings by patronage. It is well. The persons preached to have a right to choose their own preacher.

"JOHN BULL" PAYS
140 MORE INSURANCE BENEFITS
TOTAL NOW 15,308.

A Fierce Fine.

For stealing a few bits of firewood, valued excessively at 3s., a poor old night-watchman at Stratford, named William Whitaker, was fined £5. If he cannot find the money he must go to jail. At times the law seems a brutal travesty of justice.

Women Unsexed.

Hotels in Lewes were unable to cope with visitors crowding to the Thorn trial. Over three thousand applications for seats were received. Women finding thrills in the spectacle of an unhappy wretch fighting for life are degraded. They should be pilloried.

Asylum Horrors.

The Labour M.P. for Lincoln, Mr. Taylor, has given a terrible account of a visit recently paid to a public asylum. In the idiot ward he found thirty boys and girls living in close association with mental degenerates of the worst type. Is the Board of Control aware of these terrible facts?

Doctors and Birth Control.

We support the proposal of Dr. E. R. Fothergill that the British Medical Association should make a public pronouncement on birth control. It is long overdue. The parsons and a host of unauthorised people have had their shout, and the considered opinion of medical authorities is desirable.

Bishop Bans Married Men.

Because of the housing problem the Bishop of Chichester is, "wherever possible," refusing to ordain married men. His attitude is a confession of hopelessness. He would be better employed in arousing landowners like the Ecclesiastical Commissioners to act, rather than turning men away from the service of God.

A Deadly Drug.

The wife of a Southsea doctor has been killed by an overdose of veronal. Almost every week a similar tragedy is reported, it having been made painfully clear that this drug ought to be supplied only under the severest restrictions. The ease with which deadly poisons can be obtained is perfectly appalling.

Belated Justice.

For two years Lieutenant A. G. Elliott, of Camberley, has put up a brave fight against the consumption that he contracted during the war and the red-taped callousness of the Ministry of Pensions. The latter has now granted him the pension that was his right, but this is only after a long delay on the part of the Ministry and a long campaign on the part of this journal.

A Ban on Books.

Among books which have been banned by the Public Library Committee at Crompton, near Oldham, are Mr. Bernard Shaw's "Back to Methuselah" and Mr. Winston Churchill's "The World Crisis." Censors who consider these entertaining and instructive works objectionable betray such a curious mentality that we wonder why they do not ban the Book of Genesis and "Hymns Ancient and Modern" while they are about it.

Watching Wembley.

The Editor of the *Daily Herald* reminds us that in our campaign against the sweated conditions of labour in the Lyons service we were strongly supported by his paper. We welcome the support of any paper in any of our campaigns. Meanwhile our watchful optic will be on this year's Wembley.

A Bad Start.

Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., has made a bad start as the new Recorder of Birmingham. His first case was that of two youths, who pleaded guilty to stealing two farthings. He sent Stephen McDonald, aged sixteen, to a Borstal institution for three years, and sentenced Albert Starr, aged eighteen, who had been discharged from Borstal as medically unfit, to six months' hard labour. These Draconian methods bode ill for the future of Brum.

Profiteering in Insanity.

The Lord Chief Justice has unmistakably condemned the system of running "mental homes" for private profit. The Lunacy Commission should probe this matter further. It is monstrous that anyone should be allowed to traffic in the miseries of the insane.

Preposterous Premiums.

Now that a great many houses have become "decontrolled," the "key-money" scandal has cropped up again. A South London reader informs us that he was asked to pay £50 for immediate possession of a six-roomed tenement. Such impositions should be made illegal.

A Lucky Receiver.

Were there no markets for stolen articles there would be fewer thieves. This fact has been impressed upon George Saunders, a Lancaster cycle dealer, who has been trading in stolen articles bought from little boys. He was lucky to leave the court-room with only a well-merited censure ringing in his ears.

A "Marriage" Hoax.

Our oft-repeated warnings of the menace of marriage "offers" from overseas is again emphasised, this time by the fact that three thousand British women replied to an offer of marriage found in an apple-barrel opened in England. The forged message was sent out in the name of Mr. Clent Mooney, a married man of Oregon, U.S. Many such "offers" from distant strangers have a more sinister ending.

Kill-joys in Kent.

The refusal of the Ashford Council to allow the local Co-operative Society to hold a children's gala in the public park is a piece of unnecessary interference with the rights of the people. To suggest that the permission would have involved preferential treatment of a large trading concern to the detriment of other shopkeepers merely shows a narrow-minded prejudice.

Ware, Thief!

A rascal, whose name appears to be Boyce, is going from town to town obtaining board and lodgings by false pretences, and decamping with whatever valuables he can lay his hands on. In one instance he gave the name of Norman Hayes and described himself as chauffeur to a London physician. A Leicester reader is the poorer by pounds through his visit, and others upon whom he may attempt to billet himself should beware.

Heartless Frauds.

Dismally mean frauds on mourning mothers are being carried out by heartless rogues who collect money for the purpose of tracing dead soldiers' graves on the battlefields. It seems to be a common practice to palm faked photographs on relatives, and even to put spurious inscriptions on crosses on the graves of enemy soldiers for the purpose. Can the Imperial War Graves Commission do nothing in the matter?

Waiting for "Uncle."

Appalling poverty and housing conditions that are a menace to the future of Dumbarton are having a destroying effect upon a section of the town's child life. No uncommon thing is it, in the early morning, for a wee bairn to be seen asleep on a pawnshop's doorstep, waiting with a scanty parcel for the door to open to get a few coppers for food. Such conditions make a C3 people, and must be cured.

Arrested for Asking for Work.

Arthur Willis, a jobbing gardener, was going from house to house at Highgate, seeking work, when he was pounced upon by two plain-clothes policemen. Ignoring his explanation of his activities, they dragged him to the station, searched him, took his finger-prints, detained him for the night, and in the morning charged him with loitering with intent to commit a felony. The Marylebone magistrate very sensibly put a few searching questions and dismissed the charge. Things are coming to a pretty pass if the police are going to prevent honest men looking for work.

Profiteering in Education.

All pupils on entering intermediate or secondary schools under the Edinburgh Education Authority are required to provide themselves with the necessary text-books or pay 15s. per annum for the use of them. A parent who strongly objects to the use of second-hand books, which may have been handled by children suffering from infectious diseases, complains that he has never been given an opportunity of providing books himself, and that the authority, in demanding payment, refuses a receipt. It looks to us like official profiteering, as the books have been in use for years.

The Football Flight.

Long before the swallows fly northward flocks of defaulting football coupon crooks pack up the postal orders and Treasury notes with which they have feathered their nests during the winter, and depart for regions where their clamourous clients cannot follow them. Among those who have joined this ignoble flight are M. Duncan & Co., of 19, Charing Cross Road, W.C., and G. Adams, of 169, Edgware Road, W., letters addressed to whom are being returned marked "Gone away." Their names should be remembered for next season.

"Honoured by Royalty."

Although an individual named Percy Lloyd, of 95, Addison Road, Guildford, who calls himself an author and inventor, claims to have been "honoured by Royalty," he is not likely to be seen arm-in-arm with exalted personages in the Royal enclosure at Ascot. His somewhat shady connection with the Turf seems to be confined to the authorship of a touting circular, in which he asks for 6s. 6d. for an infallible system which he claims to have invented. He offers to forfeit £1,000 if his statements are not facts, but he is nothing but a cheeky charlatan.

A Job for the Police.

H. C. Shaw, the artful dodger who traffics under the style of "Cray, Stewart & Co." at 10, South Street, Finsbury, E.C., is still playing his old game of advertising clothing to be paid for by instalments and refusing to deliver the goods until the full price has been paid. Many poor people have written to us saying that after discovering the deceptive nature of his offer they have been unable to obtain the refund of the money that they have sent him. He has no right whatever to retain it, and those having complaints against him should communicate with the police.

The Tea Twist.

During the last week we have received complaints regarding "The Takooma Tea Company," run by J. F. Dixon & Co. at Suffolk House, Suffolk Street, Birmingham, and "The Continental Tea Stores," run by W. Armstrong and W. Gee, at 16, Museum Street, Ipswich. The tea supplied by such concerns is invariably high-priced rubbish, and the promises of cash bonuses after a few weeks made by canvassers are illusory.

A Shame-faced She-shylock.

The Public Prosecutor should take immediate action against a woman moneylender, who calls herself G. Murray, and sends out circulars from 16, Maddox Street, W. Obviously ashamed of her origin, instead of displaying it as required by law on her notepaper, she conceals it beneath a printed panel stating her office hours where a magnifying glass is needed to discover, embossed in the most minute characters possible, "Gertrude Murray, nat. Russian, formerly Gertrude Hershorn nat. British." It is one of the worst cases of wilful evasion of the law yet seen.

Scots to Scotch.

Offers of assistance in obtaining tickets or numbers in the Derby Sweepstake, organised by the Royal Calcutta Turf Club, are already being circulated, though there is no guarantee that tickets obtained through touts will be honoured. "Colin Cameron & Co." profess their willingness to supply as many as they can get allotted for 30s. each, a profit of nearly 100 per cent., while "Andrew and Angus MacKenna," whose price is the more modest one of 16s. 6d., are operating from a disused stable in Hatton Garden, which they are using as an accommodation address. Such Scots as these should be scotched.

Cash Before Character.

The "Selfixa" Co., Ltd., of 8, Southampton Row, W.C., are manufacturers of self-adhesive letters and signs, and they appear to be anxious to extend their business. For this purpose they advertised for agents. Applicants received a letter, cyclostyled and obviously sent out in large numbers, offering them the position without any reference whatever to character, but demanding a cash deposit of 3s. 6d. for samples and literature. The small sum of money is no evidence of good character, and there is no reason why worthy men seeking employment should be called upon to furnish it.

The Human Machine.

Playtime

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

I HAVE before me as I write a number of letters from correspondents which deserve more than a passing reference.

"I am working so hard," says one, "that I have no time to read. In fact, it is six months since I opened a book for pleasure."

Another says he has no time to spare for games. He is anxious to pass an examination — a laudable ambition—and every spare moment is devoted to study.

So they all say. The burden of these letters is "I have no time to play."

How easy it is to confuse folly with wisdom! My correspondents are taking considerable pride in the fact that they are ill-treating their physical and mental machinery!

Play—in which I include every form of relaxation, be it reading, football, cycling, motoring or even light conversation—is a sheer necessity to the human being. In fact, it is an instinct, and an instinct that cannot be thwarted without serious results.

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THERE is a lot in the remark of Mr. Gordon Selfridge that "there is no fun like work;" but it is equally true that there is no medicine like play.

The human machine must have rest from the constant drive of worry and anxiety. The most brilliant student I ever knew spent the three days before his final examination in playing cricket—and he romped home.

It was a fresh, braced-up brain that entered the examination room, instead of one jaded and stale for want of rest.

Get out into the sunshine. Breathe the fresh air. Every now and again take an hour and "waste" it in play.

For if you work hard and play hard your work will, as Mr. Selfridge says, be fun.

But you must play well in order to work well.

AN AMAZING WOMAN

MAGIC CRYSTALS AND ELIXIR OF LIFE

Gold or Diamonds as Desired

THERE are always people ready to believe the most wildly extravagant claims made regarding the powers and possibilities of alleged scientific discoveries.

One of the most remarkable hoaxes of the century in this direction is being played upon the public at the present time by a woman named Mrs. Dickinson, who resides at Eastern House, 159, Marine Parade, Brighton.

Whether this extraordinary woman is conscious of the deception which she is practising, or whether she herself is deluded by her dreams, it seems hard to say; but certainly her claims are such as are associated either with cunning charlatanry or a disordered imagination.

Mrs. Dickinson declares that, in the autumn of 1911, she discovered the healing power of certain blended oils, which were described in an old illustrated Bible which was in her possession.

A supernatural element

An element of the supernatural, however, is introduced when she goes on to state that the blending was the result of inspiration received when she awoke from sleep, and that everything she has found in regard to her researches has been given to her in this manner.

From the "healing oils" so discovered she made an antiseptic perfume for spraying hospitals and sick rooms, for which she claims to have been awarded a silver medal.

So far, so good, and if Mrs. Dickinson's dream inspiration, or whatever it is, had ended there nothing more need have been said of the matter. But as Tom Hood, in his "Haunted House," said, "Some dreams we have are nothing else but dreams, unnatural and full of contradictions," and from what follows it would appear that this woman, in her waking moments, retained "all the wild trash of sleep."

Odours and spooks

At Eastern House—which seems to be haunted by Oriental odours, spooks and chemical smells—strange manifestations took place.

In a pamphlet containing a reprint of a paper by Mrs. Dickinson, read before the Hove Presbyterian Church Literary Society, she states that while preparing "an antiseptic medical cream soap," which elsewhere she calls "an ointment for healing wounds, sores and skin diseases generally," she was surprised to find "a sparkling crystal."

If this "crystal" had been the fabled philosopher's stone it could not be capable of more wonders than are claimed for it.

Placed in water, the subtle "radio-active" emanations from it convert the fluid into a veritable elixir of life, which will increase the fertility of plants, make bread without yeast, and cure disfiguring diseases which afflict the human body. It will remove corrosion from tubes and boilers, eliminate stickiness from lubricating oil, and enable water and lubricating oil to resist the freezing action of cold. It will purify wool and other materials, remove printing ink from newspapers, increase the tensile strength of cement, and disintegrate mineral ores.

An instance of its curative effect in a case of antrum abscess is cited by Mrs. Dickinson. A gentleman afflicted with a nose which was continually breaking out with "sceptic pimples" her own spelling—drank a bottle a day of the "radio-active" water for three months and was cured.

This, however, is but child's play to the great miracle which the "crystal" can perform. It is capable of limitless reproduction of itself and other substances with which it is brought into contact!

On one occasion while working near the "crystal," and wearing a ring set with two diamonds and a ruby, this strange priestess of occult science was astonished to find the stones in the ring reproduced one with a particle of gold attached.

At another time, after a bejewelled lady visitor had left the laboratory, a reproduction of a diamond was found upon the table!

These read like the ravings of a mad woman, but if Mrs. Dickinson is mad, it is with the comfortably restricted madness of Hamlet.

She knew enough to extract £7,500 in cash from a company called Dickinson Researches, Ltd., for her spooky secret, but after some of her "crystals" had been submitted to an eminent scientist, who pronounced them to be pieces of paste, she admitted that the specimens submitted were not the ones left on the table by the spooks, but bits of paste from a hat-pin which had been substituted by a French maid!

Fraudulent conception

After further investigation, the chairman of the company, a man of integrity, who had been sadly spoofed, said, "The whole thing has been conceived in fraud, it has been carried out in fraud, and attempts are still being made to perpetuate it in fraud."

In spite of this, another company, called Actinium Developments, Ltd., has lately been induced to hand over a further £1,550 in cash to this amazing woman.

Money Regained and Lost

The Top-notch Debt Collector

HAVE you lent money to anybody who refuses to pay you back? Have you supplied goods to some enterprising person who will not pay for them? If so, and you see no reason why you should not get your money, take heed of an interesting firm which concerns itself with debt-recovery.

It is called Hardy Roberts and Co., accountants, and is also described as "The United Kingdom Colonial and Foreign General Accountancy Offices, Royal Courts Chambers, 70 and 72, Chancery Lane, London."

This grandiloquent title looks very imposing on paper, and to the uninitiated the words "Royal Courts Chambers" sound like magic. Many people even believe that Hardy Roberts and Co. have some connection with the Royal Courts of Justice.

Let us quote from this firm's literature. "The question is sometimes asked by intending customers, 'If I place accounts with your offices for collection, how do I know they will be paid over when collected?' This question calls for a satisfactory answer, and in reply, Messrs. Hardy Roberts and Co. desire to point out that these offices have now been established over a quarter of a century, and during this whole time they positively affirm that in no instance has payment for any just demand been refused, and, consequently, intending customers need have no hesitation in dealing whatever, as all debts will be duly accounted for when collected."

That is the view of Hardy Roberts and Co. We say that intending customers should have every hesitation before dealing with this firm, which, for nearly twenty years to our knowledge, has been carrying on a distinctly shady business.

We are receiving many complaints about them. They are blood-suckers. They recover debts for clients and charge an exorbitant commission for doing so, which very often leaves little, is anything, for the creditor.

One man asked them to recover a sum just exceeding ten guineas. Hardy Roberts and Co. were pleased to do so. They deducted £6 16s. 6d. as commission and expenses!

Mr. W. E. Rawnsley, of 1, Leeds Road, Guiseley, recently got this enterprising firm to collect the sum of £2 8s. 3d. for him. He has now received an invoice which charges 4s. 10d. as commission, while correspondence, postage, stationery, etc., account for a further £1 6s. 4d. All Mr. Rawnsley therefore gets as his share of the debt due to him (£2 8s. 3d.) is the sum of 17s. 1d.

Some months ago another of our readers sent this firm several debts to collect. He has written time and again to enquire what is happening in the matter, but can get no reply. He is justified in asking for the information because, in our opinion, Mr. C. Roberts, who runs this concern, is a man who considers his own interests far more than he does those of his clients.

Glints of Gold

A thousand pounds for a fiver

AUDACITY appears to be the chief quality of a gentleman calling himself John Fenn, and described as the organiser of the "Peruvian Gold Expedition," 11, Golden Square, London, W.1.

Some time ago it was our privilege to say a few words about Mr. Fenn, who again appears to be active in trying to obtain money from people to whom he sends his alluring literature.

John Fenn claims to have discovered a large bed of alluvial gold deposit in an unimportant river in south-eastern Peru. We do not quite like his light-hearted way of referring to the "unimportant" river, because some people would have blazoned its name throughout the world had they been fortunate enough to discover in it a large bed of alluvial gold deposit.

The gold hunter

Fenn has returned to England to raise the small minimum capital of £5,000 "to equip an expedition to effect the recovery thereof." All you have to do is to send him along a fiver, for which he will return you a thousand pounds commencing within twelve months. Some gold-making stunt, this!

"History is pregnant with wonderful voyages of discovery, which ever interest the vast masses of those who read, themselves unable to travel, and yet this spirit of adventure is keener perhaps to-day than ever before, notwithstanding there may be less for explorers to discover."

We do not altogether admire the explorer's phraseology, but agree that many people may be unable to travel because they are not so pregnant with ideas as is Mr. Fenn.

Shoals of gold

What his proposition amounts to is this:

Providence has been good enough to lead him to some unimportant river in Peru where there are shoals and shoals of gold deposits (according to Mr. Fenn). Now Mr. Fenn hasn't got a bean. And until he gets some money he can't work this wonderful river. Therefore he is not able to say whether there is a fortune in it or not.

In exploring the length and breadth of Britain to find people to put up the money to enable him to go out to Peru on the off-chance of making money for himself he is certainly showing that "this spirit of adventure is keener perhaps to-day than ever before, notwithstanding there may be less for explorers to discover."

So while John Fenn stands to get a nice holiday in Peru, and to lose nothing financially by doing it on the lines he proposes, people who are silly enough to send him their fivers stand a more than reasonable chance of losing the lot.

Our advice to the public is to leave John Fenn to fend for himself!

Bunk and Bounce

...n Emporium's Exploits

...R a considerable time past we have received complaints concerning an enterprising called John Blundell, Ltd., of d 62, City Road, London, E.C.1. ...s concern deals in clothing for boys, women and girls, in and shoes, furs and furniture, ...s and pictures, household linen gramophones, mangles and ...ers, china and glass, bedsteads ...edding.

...e cause for most of these com...ts is that goods are dumped people who do not want them, who are pestered by the firm ...ayment because they refuse to ...ack the goods.

...band not at home

...t us explain this concern's *modus ...ndi* by reciting a typical case. ...P. V. Steadman; of 15, Sebert ..., Forest Gate, was recently ...d upon by a plausible young ...ller, who endeavoured to secure ...rder for some ladies' shoes. ...being interested, Mrs. Steadman ...him so, but he refused to go ...s the door, as it were, was ...d in his face.

...little later a parcel was delivered ...essed to Mr. Steadman, and his quite unsuspecting, took it in ...signed for it. Upon opening ...parcel it was found to contain ...r of ladies' shoes, together with ...nvoice from Messrs. Blundell, ..., for 27s. 11d.!

...r. Steadman wrote an indignant ...r to Messrs. Blundell and re...ted them to remove the goods. ...dodge did not work with him. ...it has worked with a large ...ber of others.

...e travellers of this firm call ...people, persist in their solicita... for orders, and even when they ...ent away calmly proceed to send ...goods as though they were ...red.

...lation Summonses

...many cases, where goods from ...gnant people have been returned ...nwanted, the firm have dumped ...n back again and demanded ...ment. When this has not been ...coming, Messrs. Blundell, Ltd., ...sent letters enclosing a document ...hich they appear to use on an ...nsive scale—with the request ...the client shall sign and return ...the Shoreditch County Court ...out delay.

...he form is really an agreement of ...blue frightener type, to the effect ...if the instalments are paid ...larly no further action will be ...en. It is not, as it is made to ...ear, an official document, but is ...of a dodge worked by Blundells ...frighten ignorant people into ...ing for goods they do not want ...never ordered, under the threat ...aving to contest a claim in the ...nty Court.

...Many people who never gave the ...an order have been caught ...this way, and the sooner Messrs. ...ndell, Ltd., employ agents and ...thods of a less enterprising ...racter, the better we shall like it.

Father's Shocking Treachery

HELPLESS CHILD'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE

The Criminal Law Must be Amended!

FROM all parts of the country we are receiving powerful support in our campaign to bring about a stringent amendment of the criminal law. We shall not cease until we have succeeded in removing from the sacred name of Justice the grave blot which mars it to-day in connection with the totally inadequate punishment inflicted upon perverts who sacrifice innocent children upon the altar of their animal passions.

In order to convince the Home Secretary how grave the scandal has become, it is our duty to expose one of the most disgraceful cases ever brought to our notice. The facts, hitherto unpublished, have been carefully investigated, and we vouch for their accuracy.

William John Martin, of 10, Ickworth Park Road, Walthamstow, is a burly railway porter who, eight years ago, married a woman much younger than himself. Owing to the housing shortage, the couple arranged to live temporarily in one room at the above address, which is the home of the woman's parents. This temporary arrangement has proved to be permanent, and Martin has never provided his wife with a proper home or with even a stick of furniture that they could call their own.

The dreadful discovery

When Mrs. Martin was about to become a mother she noticed certain suspicious circumstances connected with her condition, and, during her confinement, a terrible thing happened.

The doctor discovered that she was suffering from a very serious disease, and that the dreadful scourge may have been passed on to the child!

When she was strong enough to get about she took her little girl to the London Hospital, where, for weary months, they attended, in the hope that medical science could eradicate the awful symptoms they had developed. Her health grew worse, and her little daughter, so tragically handicapped from the start, developed consumption of both lungs.

A dreadful story enough. But that is not all. The sordid details of this terrible case are intensified by the shocking and almost unbelievable sequel.

The sin of the father

A few weeks ago one of Mrs. Martin's brothers found the child crying bitterly. She complained of nasty pains, an ache in the back, and seemed completely terrorised.

The truth is that while Mrs. Martin was out shopping her wretched husband had subjected his little six-year-old daughter to the grossest form of indecency!

The details of his atrocious behaviour, related to our Special Commissioner by the awe-stricken mother and others, are completely unprintable. Suffice it to say that this was not the only occasion on which he had misused the helpless body of this suffering child of six, and in a manner which would impel every mother in England to rise up and demand, with us, that this kind of offence should not be dealt with summarily, but that those accused of it should be indicted and tried by a Judge and jury. To leave this to the option of the accused is nothing short of scandalous.

The child was hurried off to a doctor, who treated her injuries, and the mother went to the police, with the result that Martin recently stood before the Stratford magistrates charged with serious offences against his child.

After Mr. E. Clayton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, had stated that this class of offence was, unfortunately, on the increase, and after the sordid facts had been recorded to a staggered court, Mr. W. P. Forbes, the chairman of the magistrates, sent Martin to jail for three months!

The child, a poor little slip of humanity doomed to lifelong suffering, sacrificed by this hound who should have been the guardian of her innocence, is now undergoing special treatment in the Colchester Sanatorium.

Mrs. Martin, who is dependent for her living on the guardians, begs JOHN BULL to help her to find some way whereby she cannot be compelled to live with this scoundrel after he comes out of prison. There is little hope for her.

Under our present law a woman cannot obtain a separation order unless her husband deserts or ill-treats her. The fact that Martin has ruined the innocence of his six-year-old child provides no ground upon which the woman can obtain an order against him. She must, therefore, go on living with him in misery and despair.

Home Secretary must act!

That is the story, but only briefly told. Who, after this, will say that justice is done to curs like Martin by the infliction of such monstrously lenient sentences as three months?

While these dreadful crimes are on the increase, we respectfully but plainly, tell the Home Secretary that he has an immediate and imperative duty to perform in ordering a complete overhauling of the criminal law, and ensuring that brutes who besmirch the innocence of helpless little children are sent to jail for terms of penal servitude.

Bullies in Blue

Ruffianly Methods in a Bristol Police Raid

THE police have many unpleasant duties to perform, and, as a rule, they carry them out with tact and consideration for the feelings of all concerned.

From time to time, however, a brutal streak shows itself, and bullying methods are adopted which are a discredit to the blue uniform.

Such a case has recently occurred in Bristol, and it is not surprising that the people of that city should have been roused to indignation.

On a recent evening, shortly after closing time, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Crane, licensee of the Old Crown public-house, was standing near her doorway. Without any warning, three police-officers in plain clothes, headed by Sergeant Bond, appeared on the scene, and rushed into the house.

In their progress Mrs. Crane was knocked down, sustaining injury to her wrist, a bruised leg and cheek, and the glass in one of the doors was smashed. She screamed, and her son Ernest, who rushed to her assistance, received a blow on the forehead which knocked him backwards against the counter. He was dazed for a moment by this unexpected onslaught, but he managed to pick up his mother, and the two then went into the smoke-room, where they found the police officers engaged in taking names and addresses of several people who were there.

Then, for the first time, they learned that their unceremonious visitors were police officers, who had raided the house with the view of instituting a prosecution for selling drink during prohibited hours.

Mrs. Crane and her son went the same night to the police-station, and made a complaint about the ruffianly treatment to which they had been subjected. Little notice seems to have been taken of this, though the complaint was renewed on the following day.

Subsequently she was summoned for selling intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours and for obstructing Sergeant Bond and Constable Rudge. Her two sons, Ernest and James, were also summoned for obstruction, as was a deformed little dwarf, named Staynings, and five others were summoned for consuming.

There is no need to enter closely into the question of illegal selling and consuming. The defence was that the persons present at the time were relatives or friends of the licensee, and that no payment was made for any drink they might have had. The defence was ignored by the magistrates, who fined Mrs. Crane £15 and £5 5s. costs, and the defendants summoned for consuming had to pay 10s. each.

Far more important were the charges of obstruction which were dismissed. It is difficult to understand why they were ever brought.

"Come Into My Parlour"

An Alluring Advertisement

HAVE our readers noticed the imposing advertisements pasted on the walls of Underground Tube stations which tell you that, if you are in financial difficulties, there is a reliable firm with which you can safely deal?

The name of this widely advertised concern is Messrs. Anstoys, Limited, of 40, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, W.C. It is claimed that Anstoys lend anything from £5 to £50,000 to the right people.

That is all gaff. As a matter of fact, Anstoys are not moneylenders at all. After extracting from their clients large sums of money as commission, they pass them over to a real moneylender, who pays Anstoys a commission for the introduction!

Now the people behind this enterprising firm are two shady persons who were originally christened in Russia in the name of Gershgorn, but who now use the better-sounding one of Lannon. The older of them has staggered from one financial calamity to another, and is quite familiar in the Bankruptcy Court.

He has been connected with a number of very dubious companies in the clothing and textile line, and his record is about as black as it can be.

It is this type of bloodsucker who, if the Moneylenders Bill now before Parliament is passed, will receive one of the heaviest blows of a lifetime. We hope that every M.P. will vote for legislation that will stop such parasites from preying on the public.

Unfurnished Homes

MANY people wonder, when we take a case up in the public interest, whether our action finishes after we have given publicity to it. It does not.

Some months ago we received a number of complaints concerning a particularly mean rascal named W.R. Hewstone, who carried on a fraudulent business in the furniture trade from 96, Great Eastern Street, London, E.C.

Our readers did not consult us until after the police were well on the track, and, unfortunately, had been unable to do anything that was at all helpful. We exposed Mr. Hewstone for taking people's money in advance for goods and not supplying them, and publicly warned him.

It was our next and obvious duty to suggest to our readers that, as the police felt disinclined to take up any one particular case, they had better combine and take action. Our advice was accepted, and a warrant issued for Hewstone's arrest. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

We warn unscrupulous people that our duty to the public is never finished until we have seen that justice is fully and completely done.

THE MARRIAGE TRADE SCANDAL

Wives who Have no Husbands

FOR many months the sleuths of Scotland Yard have been busily engaged in trying to bring to book the head of a dangerous gang of rogues.

His organisation is part of the international white slave gang, and his chief object is to get alien women of loose character into this country from Continental cities to play their part in the houses of ill-fame he runs.

From some secret information we have obtained, we are able to throw considerable light on the inside workings of this rascal's organisation, and we suggest that if the police follow it up they will lay him by the heels.

He is known as "The Jockey." That is the title he employs in dealing with his agents. He has a large staff of men with criminal records, who are willing to do whatever he requires so long as he pays them.

They swear they will never divulge his whereabouts if they are caught by the police, and they do not mind taking the risk of being arrested.

Their chief work is to go through a form of marriage with the undesirable alien women smuggled into England by "The Jockey," which procedure gives the women the status of British nationality.

The "husbands" invariably part from their "wives" at the register office door, the women go to the dens run by this elusive and wealthy foreigner, and the men go through similar marriages with other harpies.

One or two of the agents, mere pawns in the game, have been caught. In a recent case, where a crook named Leslie Kilsby was convicted for contracting a bogus marriage with an alien, Germaine Lemasson, and with attempting to "marry" another, Eugenie Joiris, Judge Atherley Jones asked, "Cannot the police get the real man?" That is the scandal—they cannot.

Scores of loose women are being smuggled into England to-day from the streets of Continental cities, and "married" in this way. There are well over fifty cases known to Scotland Yard, which is but a small proportion.

We are able, for the first time, to reveal some important and serious facts. The other day Miss Muriel Wilson, staying at 3, Rue Laferriere, Paris, became acquainted with a Frenchman whom she met there by chance. After obtaining her confidence, he said his business was to get French prostitutes into England by arranging bogus marriages. He further disclosed the fact that he had several French women in London awaiting his return, upon whose immoral earnings he lives.

Now this person resides in London and makes periodic visits to the Continent in his foul quest for more alien hirelings. Apparently thinking that Miss Wilson might fall into his clutches, he handed her a slip of paper, which has come into our possession. It bears the name of "Rene," and gives two addresses where Miss Wilson was to write him. One is in the Rue de Bruxelles, Place Blanche, Paris, and the other in Store Street, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.

We have passed this amazing document on to Scotland Yard. We trust it will be the means of putting an end to "The Jockey's" vile activities.

Third Degree Methods

WHILE dishonesty in any form in the postal services must be firmly dealt with, some of the methods followed in dealing with offenders call for investigation.

The Post Office detectives, one of whom was thoroughly trounced by Sir Ernest Wild, Recorder of London, not long ago, appear to be anxious to secure convictions at all costs.

Evidence points to the existence of the "Third Degree" system of interrogation. Workers charged with an offence complain that they are brought before detectives who subject them to a fatiguing cross-examination, and that their signatures are secured to statements which have previously been prepared.

A case in point is that of Bertie Henry Irving, a young Cardiff postman, who, when accused of stealing two postal orders, was taken into a private room for cross-examination by a Post Office investigator and a sergeant of the Metropolitan Police.

In evidence, Irving stated that, after being placed against a wall, his shoes and socks were taken off and he was searched. He was told, he said, that he would not be allowed to leave the room until he had confessed, and after a five hours' ordeal he said he had taken the two missing postal-orders, although he had never seen them.

Another case is that of William Wheeler, a Bath postman, convicted of theft. Wheeler claimed that he was requested, in a private interview, to sign a list of statements, and that he did so in the belief that he was denying them.

Whether or not Wheeler is to be believed, his alleged experience is similar to that told by other postal workers who have been dismissed from the service.

Further testimony comes from R. W. Morey, a Plymouth sorter who has petitioned the Post Office in vain for an enquiry into his case after his dismissal without pension after twenty-seven years' service.

He also signed a statement presented to him by an official from the G.P.O. at the end of a lengthy examination, to find afterwards that he had fatally prejudiced his chance of redress.

Apart from the question of the "Third Degree," it may be asked whether Post Office detectives have any statutory right to take part in any official examination. That is the business of the police alone.

There is no room in this country for an unofficial force, even in Government Departments.

No More for Nunn!

NEMESIS has at last overtaken a schemer named James Stroud Nunn who, with Harold Leslie Nunn, his young son, stood in the dock at the Old Bailey last week charged with fraudulently converting money entrusted to him for building houses.

His conviction, for some reason, has been dismissed in the general press by a few words. As we know a good deal about Mr. Nunn, and the inner and unpublished story about him, we propose to give a few facts to the public.

Nunn first came under our notice about eighteen months ago, after the crash of a financial scheme run by him called the Eastern Building Corporation Limited. This concern was wound up within less than a year of its registration, with a deficiency of many thousands of pounds and "cash at bankers—2d." In view of the disgraceful, and, in our opinion, fraudulent manner in which Nunn ran this concern, we called upon the Public Prosecutor to act. Nothing happened.

Nunn ignored our exposure. He started a more grandiose scheme called Stroud's Housing Specialists, and took large sums of money from a large number of people for the purpose of building houses badly needed.

We exposed him again. Still he went on. Complaints continued to pour into this office and, discovering all the more what a scoundrel he was, we called upon the police time after time to arrest him.

Detectives from Scotland Yard eventually came to our office and went through our papers. Nunn was arrested, put up an extraordinary defence—which, as we say, has for some reason been passed over in the general press.

His defence was that he had been ruined by JOHN BULL, the name of which, throughout the court proceedings, was mentioned hundreds of times. He was asked why he had not issued a writ for damages against us and, of course, had no reply.

He has been sent to jail for fifteen months. His son, who was bound over, has now probably learned the lesson that although, just as his father did, a man can go on robbing people year after year, he cannot for ever face the fierce glare of publicity when it is rightly directed upon him.

Who Cares for the Ex-Soldier?

TEN years ago the flower of the nation went to the shambles of Europe at the behest of the politician. They have been foully betrayed by the politician class, says General Crozier, who urges the ex-Service man to combine for "redress"

by **Brig.-Gen. F. P. CROZIER, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.**

PARLIAMENT to-day is faced with a great crowd of angry men, ruined and broken by war, who have been promised everything and given nothing. Thanks to the energy of Earl Haig, the British Legion has done its best to cope with the plight of this charred remnant of a world's conflagration.

The British Legion, however, cannot function in a capacity which enables it to make good the many broken pledges which have robbed these men of their confidence and placed them in a position of dire need. What is required is a co-ordination of all who are interested in the justice of these men's claims. By this means the problems could be raised from a private and philanthropic basis to one that is non-philanthropic and national.

Until this can be done the British Legion must carry on with its good work.

Recently I have come across cases which not only tear at the heart, but indicate the mood of the men who have to bear the brunt of a grave national injustice.

A young fellow broken in body and spirit, with no pension, is existing on the dole. His home was taken for debt, and his wife and two children are in the workhouse, the former dying as a result of prolonged want and strain.

His visits to her are intervals of agony. He cannot supply even the merest comforts to ease her mind and body. She approaches the great Unknown, haunted by the knowledge of his desperate struggle to live and to look after the boys.

War medals in pawn

Another case came to my notice recently of an old Service man who had done much to build up the noble tradition of Britain's military achievements. In 1915 he was discharged as no longer fit for military duty.

Eighteenpence a day is the reward bestowed upon him by a grateful nation, and he is trudging the street, sleeping and eating where and when he can, envious of the silent crowd to whom the Cenotaph bears witness.

Private S—— is a man who served under me in France. A fine soldier he was, and yet I have just learned he has pawned everything the pawnbroker would take, except his clothes and his medals. The latter are no longer a realisable asset to ex-Service men as money-lenders are already taking care of 250,000 of these emblems.

This man is a tuberculosis case, and is facing death in peace time as bravely as he faced it in war time.

Demobilisation or demoralisation?

These cases are typical of thousands to whom demobilisation has meant demoralisation and pension penury.

Regarding pension the official point of view is, "Can we with safety terminate this pension?" The Pension Ministry labours under the eyes of a niggardly exchequer, whose one idea for this branch of expenditure is "Economy."

I know a man whose pension was terminated on the grounds that he was fit. He applied to join the Territorial Army and was rejected as unfit. He is now fighting the Pensions Ministry, whom he contends cannot have it both ways.

I am told that the mind of the Final Appeal Tribunal has a nasty habit of being made up before the cases come up for hearing. My offer to pay a man's fare to London in order that he might secure a hearing was refused by him on the grounds that his case had been settled without reference to him in any way.

Oversight, but no insight

The official mind is all oversight and no insight, just as committees and boards have no souls. If certain members of these Government departments would let their feet take them into a few places of which I know, where the bonnet of a Rolls-Royce could never penetrate, they would see and hear things that would fire their souls and leave mental pictures which they could enhance by more sympathetic decisions.

The average ex-Service man has every reason to be revolutionary, but he is not. The Government is exploiting and straining that most valuable quality of the Britisher, his ability to bear with an almost stoical indifference the burdens of life.

This, combined with his natural optimism, won the war, and to see this so abused is a scandal which must be stopped.

Had I neglected to feed and clothe the men, many of whom never returned, I should have been dismissed. Why should the Government be allowed to neglect them, now that they are wanting to work and live?

General Crozier

Ex-Service men do not covet their officers' car, or his sport, or his wealth, or anything that is his; but they do deplore their own inability to supply themselves and their families with the ordinary comforts of life. Walk down Baker Street, and see the groups of ex-Service men playing instruments, begging for coppers. I call it "Breaker Street"! It breaks something within me every time I pass along it.

Cold-hearted officialism

In summarising the problem of the ex-Service men it seems that the Government cannot or will not get the right angle of the men's position. The cold discrimination which they apply to these tragic figures is bereft of any touch of personal sympathy, either with the men's needs or deserts.

Committees and boards cannot weep, and until the human element of this great problem can disturb the sleep and rob the minds of those responsible for it of their peace, we cannot hope for a remedy from this source.

During that trying period of demobilisation in 1919, the Archbishop of Canterbury came to Lille to address the divisional and brigade commanders of the Army. His subject was "Post-War Conditions," and he dealt with the relationship of Church and men. He had no *modus operandi*—he "hoped that the Church would be able to assist the Army and the Government with its difficult task."

I said at this conference that it was not for a layman to suggest to the Church how it should put its house in order, but that the good influence of the chaplains and padres, many of whom were splendid fellows, had given the Church a grip upon these men who were about to be released for civil life. If the Church did not develop this hold which it had secured upon them, they would lose it for ever.

They have lost it, and I feel that the ex-Service men cannot look to the Church for a solution to their problem. The weakness of the men's position is that they are all scattered and disorganised. There should be an ex-Service men's party—the motto should be "Redress."

The ex-Service men of this country are numerically and intellectually strong enough to force the Government's hand to apply justly and unstintingly the solution of the problem which they represent.

It can be demanded and secured by constitutional methods. Ex-Service men who stood for military discipline, and endured the ardours of campaigning in Europe, are not fanatical or hysterical. They know what they want, but they will only get it by unison of effort.

Wanted: a real man!

Politics and unionism, whilst playing an important part in the securing of similar demands in industry, must not be allowed to cause any dissension which is likely to prevent them from concentrating on the main issue of their policy—Redress.

A leader should be appointed, but let him be a soldier and a *man*—one who knows the men's conditions and can feel with them and for them. Let sane representatives be appointed from every country who will make their deliberations with a vision of the ex-Service man and his family ever before them. The differentiation between creed and need may be left safely in the hands of such a body.

The Government floated a Victory Loan to finance men to fight and die. Why should it not float a loan on a suitable basis to enable them to *work* and live? I know many men, among them fighting colonels, whose standing with the ex-soldier and the Government is of the highest. These men can put in graphic word-pictures the suffering of and cure for the ex-Service men's ills.

With such a party, well organised and capably led, pressure could be brought to bear upon the heads of departments dealing with this question that they dare not ignore.

Hope's empty cupboard

Governments have failed in their pledges; their records are composed of broken promises. The cupboard of the Mother Church is as empty as that of the proverbial Mother Hubbard. There are no bones of hope upon its shelves for the poor dogs of men.

Our own salvation must be worked out by ourselves, not with fear and trembling, but with a courage and conviction that the demands made are not to a charitable organisation, but to a nation that owes a debt of eternal gratitude to ex-soldiers who gave all during a time when its King and country needed them, and to a nation stigmatised with dishonour and injustice until this debt has been fully paid.

Society's Dirty Linen

THIS article makes us think about a matter we are all apt to overlook. No one can live to himself or herself. We are all influencing the minds of other people, either for good or for evil

by
"A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

Mr. Justice McCardie, the Judge in the case referred to by our contributor.

SOCIETY has been extremely interested, not pained, not shocked, by a case which has recently been before one of his Majesty's judges. A few people knew all about it long ago; many people were aware that something was wrong, and that something was bound to happen sooner or later; but the bulk of the British people, of course, knew nothing at all about this miserable business until it suddenly blazed upon the world from a court of law.

Not what Society thinks about this case, but what the great bulk of the British people think about it, is a thing to be considered by the wise student of contemporary history.

What do Mr. and Mrs. Smith think of the matter? We can imagine the scene in their kitchen when, supper cleared away and the washing-up effected, Mrs. Smith takes her work basket to darn the children's stockings and Mr. Smith, pipe in mouth, and slippered feet on the fender, opens his paper and begins to read aloud.

Toryism distrusted

Mrs. Smith is a Tory to the backbone. She adores the Prince of Wales, whose face figures on a highly coloured biscuit-tin on the dresser, and she loves to see in her illustrated Sunday paper photographs of duchesses and countesses nursing their pretty children in their laps. Often does she speak with enthusiasm of English aristocracy, and except with vigorous contempt never does she speak of disloyal and atheistic Bolshevists.

Mr. Smith is also a Tory, but not to the backbone. He has been listening of late to certain men in his workshop who are associated with the politics of Labour, and once or twice, albeit not very successfully, he has endeavoured to insinuate certain rather striking notions of Labour idealism into the severely practical mind of his wife. He is not a Bolshevist; he is not a Communist; he is not even a convinced Socialist. But he has begun to suspect the present order of things, and occasionally to wonder whether the world might not be run more successfully on other principles.

How Bolshevists are made

Well, he reads aloud, and it is not long before he lays down his pipe, so caught is his mind by this exciting drama in high-life to which his newspaper has devoted several pages. There is a duel between counsel and witness. Good reading, very good reading; better than any account of a prize-fight.

Subjects which he and his wife would never think of discussing form the tremendous dialogue of these two people in open court—one a man, the other a woman. The word "adultery" is continually cropping up. It is denied here and admitted there. Great names come into the dialogue. Famous and glorious regiments are linked up with the scandal. Titles fly about like straws in the wind.

The war is mentioned. What, these things going on when fathers and mothers in England were praying with broken hearts for the safety of their sons, and all those who loved England, and who so often challenged cruel fate with the famous line, "Who dies if England lives?" were trembling for the fate of the entire British Empire! "God bless my soul," thinks Mr. Smith, "it's enough to make any man a Bolshevist."

The woman wonders

Mrs. Smith's interest does not stray an inch from the case. She does not even see that this fashionable drama has any political implications. She only wonders, as she goes placidly on with her darning, how people can be so wicked, how people can be so foolish, and how much of what the counsel is imputing to the woman is really true. She hopes that a great deal of it is untrue.

But next day, on his way home from work, Mr. Smith passes a strumpet at the street corner, powdered, painted, and dressed like a lady in the pictures. She makes him sick with disgust; but presently he wonders if she doesn't stand for the life led by fashionable people—a life of wasteful idleness and wicked selfishness.

Bitterness stirs in his heart. What are they doing, these rich people who are supposed to set an example to the whole nation, and who end, so many of them, by washing their dirty linen in public, and the foulest kind of dirty linen at that—what are they doing to help their country and their poorer neighbours; what is their value in the eyes of God and the historian?

He does not become conscious in himself of class-hatred, but he does actively and consciously become much more critical of the social order. To hell with such people, for who could place them in heaven? To hell with all the lot of them. Why, ask yourself the question! Can it be good for a nation to have such people as these in high places? From any point of view—religious or political, social or economic—can it do anything but positive harm to have such contemptible creatures as these at the top of the national tree? There can be only one answer. And that night he speaks more boldly to Mrs. Smith, and with a new accent of conviction in his voice, of Labour idealism.

Centuries ago, in the dawn of civilisation, wise men taught that every word spoken by human lips, and every thought harboured in the human brain, have incalculable consequences. Science gives us to-day a strange endorsement of this extraordinary intuition of the first thinkers; but we are, perhaps, not so sharply conscious of moral responsibility as were the men of former times, and the modern endorsement of this ancient teaching has, therefore, for us no warning.

Sensuality destructive

Yet it is plain enough that the efforts of certain politicians to destroy the present social order in our country have nothing like the same effect on that edifice as every selfish act and every sensual thought of those in high places, who are creating the social atmosphere of the time and giving a ply to the mind of the present generation which will have infinite consequences.

Those people with powerful social influence, who still believe in virtue and are still loyal to the great traditions of our country, would be well advised to begin an active and a most implacable war against the traitors in their midst who are so persistently and so fatally poisoning the whole atmosphere of English life.

When man's extremity is exploited

THE ROBBERS'

WHAT is the use of our Labour Exchanges? They occupy costly offices in a great number of divisional centres, and they employ a staff of some eighteen thousand persons at enormous cost to taxpayers. Beyond that, what other purpose do they serve?

Mr. W. A. Appleton, Secretary of the General Federation of Trade Unions.

One of their ostensible objects is to dispense unemployment insurance. Mr. Appleton, of the Trade Union Federation, declares that this function could be discharged by the unions at less than a quarter of the actual cost. Mr. Alexander Wilkie, one of the oldest of Labour representatives in Parliament, has asserted that "it takes 22s. to distribute 20s. unemployment benefit from the Labour Exchanges."

Another of their avowed functions is to bring unemployed workers into relationship with opportunities of working. But I am assured by large employers of labour that, being compelled to engage workers through the Government institutions, they first pick out the men they want from the applicants sent to them by the trade unions, and then direct them to the Labour Exchange to be registered!

Some day we shall wake up to the enormous waste imposed on our overtaxed industries by the chaotic and idiotic coil of overlapping agencies for the government of labour conditions. Then we shall scrap the Labour Exchanges, and hand over the business of connecting labour demand with labour supply, and of providing insurance for unemployment, sickness and death to the workers' own organisations, under a rational national scheme.

Meantime the Labour Exchanges are supposed to find jobs for workless workers. Then why don't they do it? Why do we, whilst paying taxes for the maintenance of this costly institution, allow our local authorities to lend the shelter and prestige of their sanction and licence to "registry offices" and private "employment agencies" whose professed purpose is to fulfil the very same function that Labour Exchanges were made for and paid for?

Bleeding the work-seeker

But that is not the worst of it. These private concerns not only compete with the State institution which we have set up to do their work, but they are made, in many instances, a licensed organisation for sheer swindling and

Farmyard Morals

OUR shipyards are idle, religion has lost authority, picture-papers live on reports of immorality and vice, the essentials of life are cornered. Only a moral cleansing can save the nation

by A. G. GARDINER

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., who recently said, "If a man will not work neither shall he eat."

THERE is a spirit of panic abroad. It pervades the City; it pervades industry; it pervades Parliament. The outstanding incidents in the House of Commons in the last ten days reveal a fear that events are getting out of hand, and that the country is drifting into dangerous waters.

Mr. Baldwin has uttered a despairing appeal to all parties and all interests to arm together to save the ship. Sir Arthur Steel Maitland has echoed it in equally agonised tones. Mr. George Lansbury, from the extreme Left, has denounced the "doles" as the road to ruin—not merely commercial ruin, but moral ruin. "You are ruining the whole characters of tens of thousands of our young people, and any state of society —Socialist Government or anything else—that trains people to believe they should live by doing no work is committing a crime against the individual and against society."

That goes to the foundation of the disease. For what we are suffering from is a moral degeneration, of which the material and economic sores are only the symptoms. We scratch at the sores. We gird at each as the author of our visible distresses.

Towards industrial death

Certainly, the sores are ugly to look at—the order which has gone to Hamburg for British ships for a British firm, for example. I suppose such a thing has never happened before since we were a people. Our shipyards are silent and workless and our shipwrights stand idle in the streets, living upon the relief from the taxpayer and the rate-payer. And, meanwhile, foreign shipyards are ringing with the hammers of foreign workmen building British ships for British owners because the costs of British shipyards are prohibitive.

That way is industrial death. Follow it, and the doom is certain. I am not concerned for the moment with the economic causes, or the economic remedies. I have written of these things before. I am dealing here with the naked facts—which are at the root of the panic.

The roots of moral degeneration

But I repeat that the sores are only symptoms of something deeper even than economics. The war shook our whole economic system to its foundations, and the peace, so far from repairing the mischief, has made the rents deeper and wider. But it was not only our material fabric that was shaken. Our moral fabric was shaken. Our civilisation was undermined.

We have lost faith in our leaders, our parties, our institutions, our creeds and ourselves. There is a universal scramble for plunder and safety, to the cry of "Each for himself and the devil take the hindmost." The moralities of religion have lost their authority with the widespread rejection of a faith founded on the fears and rewards of a future life. We are a heathen people who have lost religion without finding ourselves.

Education, which should have given us moral and disciplined stability, has only taught us to read the betting odds and the sensations of a Press more devastating than cocaine. In the past our fathers listened to great voices; but to-day our ears are split and our minds are dulled by men with schoolboy minds, who have captured the megaphone of the Press and scream their banalities over the roof of the world.

Society is disintegrating with the revelation of its inequalities, selfishness and lawlessness. The conditions in which the poor live in the great industrial cities—60 per cent. of the population in one city herded in one-or two-room tenements —the insecurity of life and labour for the masses —all this is seen in violent contrast against the foul licentiousness of a tiny rich society that has lost the graces of an aristocracy and retains only the morals of the poultry yard.

The daily papers reek with the stench of corruption that issues week by week from the law-courts, and the favourite Sunday reading of the masses is of the doings of the pimps and the prostitutes, the blackmailers and the touts of a noisome mob of well-dressed hooligans.

Stench of corruption

They see how in the midst of the war, while thousands and tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of their brothers, and sons and neighbours and friends were living and dying in rat-infested trenches, great military despots were bartering jobs for a woman's honour. They read Sir John Ellerman's picture-papers, and see the astonishing parade of a society that passes inanely from racecourse to Monte Carlo, and from Monte Carlo to shooting-box, and from shooting-box to Alpine hotel, flaunting its levity and its wealth, but in the face of a world whose realities make Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Lansbury alike shudder with fear.

Behind this frivolous and pagan society, and closely associated with it, are the trusts of the financial manipulators who corner the essentials of life, squeeze out the competitor, exploit the consumer, whether of houses, tobacco, meat or groceries, water their shares with illicit bonuses, clog the whole machine of cheap production and help to bring about the paralysis of all the major industries which is exhibited in symptoms like the Hamburg contract.

Embittered and resentful masses

And deep calls to deep. The masses, fed on the garbage of the Press, seeing at the top a society corrupt, godless and selfish, are scornful, embittered, resentful. They contrast their fortunes with this idle society. They share its loss of faith without sharing its vulgar and ostentatious pleasures. They rage against their houselessness, their insecurity of life, their helplessness.

Some of them turn to the idolatry of the betting odds; some of them preach revolution. They retaliate on the profiteer above by profiteering below, by reducing production, by making things dear for themselves, so that they cannot have houses to live in because they are too costly to build, by listening to wild theorists who promise that if they will destroy the means by which we all live, they, too, will be able to enjoy that idle, aimless existence they see pictured in the flunkey illustrated papers.

No, it is not economics alone, or even peace alone that will work the cure. The disease is moral. With its blighting negation of duty, responsibility, decency, and all the social virtues, it permeates the whole fabric of society.

We need a moral cleansing. It will assuredly come, if not from change of heart then from a blast of wrath from without that will leave none of us unscathed.

BUREAU

by ALEXANDER M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

Blood-sucking rapacity. I have before me a number of letters from victims of their cruel and dastardly activities. Here is a typical example. A man is charged 12s. 6d. by an employment agency which sends him from London to Margate to take up a situation at 25s. a week. When he receives his first week's pay he finds that the wage is only 20s. He writes to the employment agency demanding the return of his fee, and receives a reply that if he is not suited another place may be found for him—on condition that he pays another 12s. 6d.

Booking fees lead to tragedy

One bureau in Soho charges half-a-crown as "booking fee," and then demands a further sum of 15s. for sending a girl to seek a situation as waitress. If the girl doesn't get the place, the money is not returned; she simply loses her stake and has to provide another 15s. to get another chance!

Think of it! A girl in London, out of work, scrapes up the prodigious amount of 15s. to secure the mere chance of a job, and then, being turned down, has to find another 15s. to buy another chance! She might easily go through a dozen failures. Twelve times 15s. is £9. Where is the normal working girl to find £9? How is she to raise even 15s. when she has to pay her rent and keep herself on an income of nothing per week? The answer to that question explains the mystery of our civilisation's most awful tragedy; it explains why women take to the ghastly trade of prostitution.

Men are affected, too. I am told of a waiter who obtained a job in Edgware Road through a private agency. He had to pay the whole of his first two weeks' wages—£3—to the exploiter who connected him with the job. The poor beggar had had a long spell of unemployment. He had to keep himself while he paid the vampire. Of course he fell into debt.

That is one case out of hundreds. The dupes of the "agencies" are as common as the victims of the moneylenders. The trade unions persistently protest. They send deputations to the London County Council. They broadcast the complaints of the hapless men and women who, having paid initial fees for "registration," are then robbed of further fees and despatched on wild-goose chases in hopeless search of work. But nothing is done. The vampires are still allowed and even licensed to batten on the desperate need of the hapless out-of-works.

Why do we allow and license this crime and scandal? We maintain the Labour Exchanges to find work for workless workers. What excuse, then, can there be for maintaining these traps for the robbery of needy, helpless, desperate people?

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary.

SIR,—I observe that you have received, with a certain amount of sympathy, a deputation of women urging immediate revision of the Factories Act. The reform asked for is long overdue. While some employers are ahead of the law in organisation and welfare work for their employees, other factories exist where conditions are a scandal. Especially is this the case where women are concerned. The Government could undertake no better domestic legislation than a new Factories Bill. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. N. CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—To continue the Rent Restrictions Act for another two and a half years is clearly imperative. What I want to know, however, is on what that period of time is based. What is it you expect to see at the end of it? Do you know that in that time the housing shortage will have been remedied, or is it just a pious aspiration? I am, like yourself, anxious to see the end of control, but I see nothing to give me any hope of its abolition. If you have any solid grounds for limiting the operation of the Act to two and a half years, it is your duty to put your cards on the table. JOHN BULL.

To CHARLES TREVELYAN, M.P., 14, Gt. College Street, S.W.1.

DEAR SIR,—The country owes you a debt of gratitude for your fearless exposure of the evils and dangers of secret diplomacy. The people were led into the last war blindfold, wantonly deceived again and again by the men who had their destinies in the hollow of their hands. They paid the price of this treachery in blood—their blood—and I am with you heart and soul in your determination that it shall never happen again. When you say there is a new feeling in the country on this subject you say nothing but the truth. A Government, either now or in the future, that commits us to something we know nothing of is preparing its own doom. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir EVELYN CECIL, M.P., 2, Cadogan Square, S.W.1.

SIR,—I am happy to note an endeavour on your part, by the introduction of a Judicial Proceedings Bill, to restrict newspaper reports of divorce cases to formal details, findings, and observations of judges. I agree that the publication of salacious tit-bits has grown to preposterous proportions, but I would utter a warning against the danger of covering evil with a thin veneer of pretended prudery. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir A. STEEL-MAITLAND, M.P., Minister of Labour.

SIR,—Your record does you credit. Unlike too many of your predecessors, you prefer to base conclusions on first-hand information. Going the round of common lodging-houses to investigate conditions, you stayed several days in one as a lodger. Your example of personal investigation of matters under your care ought to be followed by other Ministers. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir DOUGLAS HOGG, K.C., M.P., Attorney-General.

DEAR MR. ATTORNEY,—I hope you will lose no time in giving effect to the recommendations of Mr. Justice Lawrence's Committee dealing with the legal assistance of the poor. Unfortunately, however, the committee's terms of reference did not include the defence of poor prisoners. No scheme can be satisfactory which does not make provision for the assistance of the poor. JOHN BULL.

To the DUCHESS of SOMERSET, 35, Grosvenor Square, W.

YOUR GRACE,—I am wholeheartedly with you in your crusade against the use in the millinery trade of birds' plumes obtained by the most abominable cruelty. It is strange that women should be so indifferent to this scandal. Perhaps if they could see the feathers torn from the quivering flesh of living birds they would be ashamed to wear them in their hats. JOHN BULL.

To the MASTER, Nuneaton Workhouse.

DEAR SIR,—I observe that you are making experiment by painting your old tramp ward bright and cheerful colours. Your idea is not make luxurious the life of the "won't work but to test your theory that clean and attracti surroundings will make an appeal to their bett nature. I, for one, wish your experiment eve success. JOHN BULL.

To the Hon. PHILIP COLLIER, Prime Minister, Western Australia.

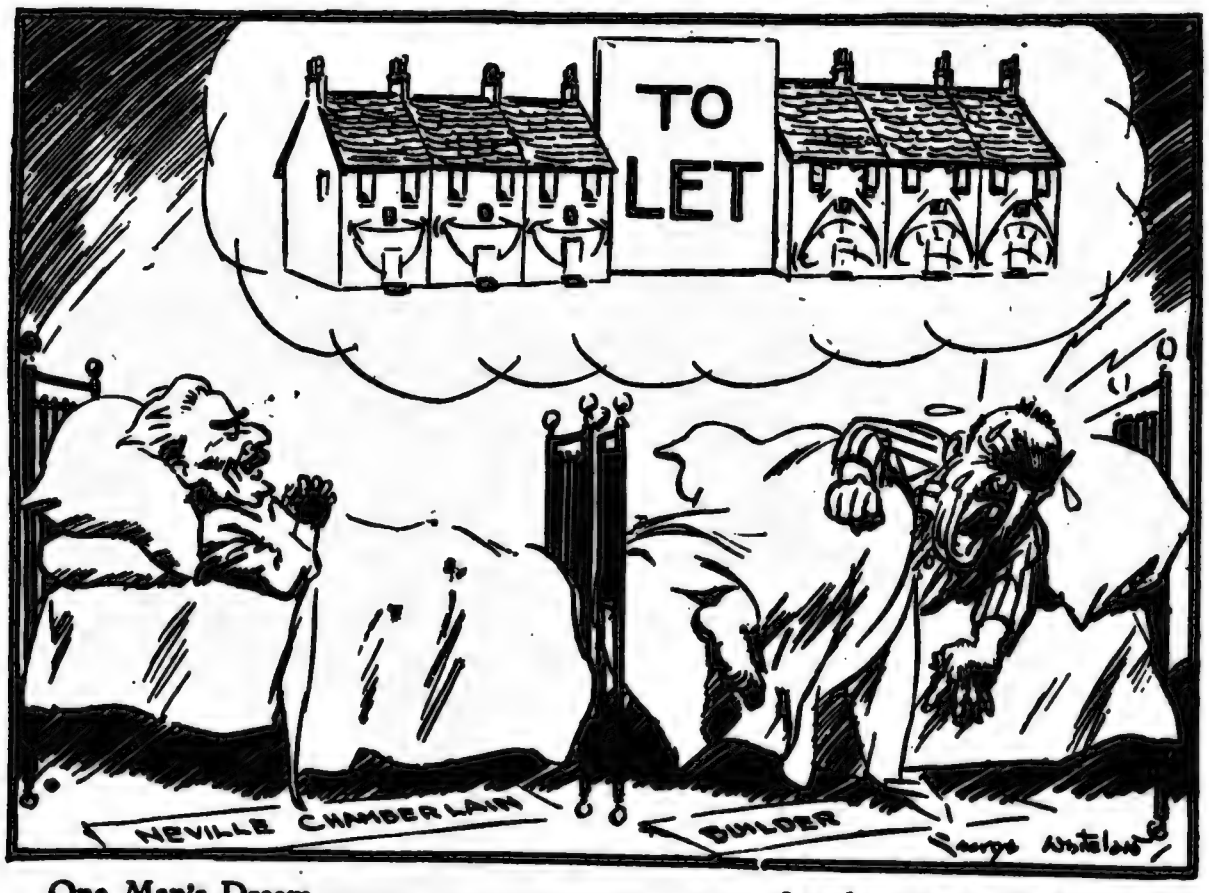
SIR,—Not all our overseas guests are as plai spoken as you are. If the Colonial Office w only take to heart your serious warnings on t question of emigration, much heartbreaking di appointment may be saved. Emigration can on be a success if it is soundly organised by t Imperial Government, with the advice a approval of the Dominions; and I am glad yo are using your visit to hammer the truth hom JOHN BULL.

To Alderman MICHAEL CONWAY, President, National Union of Teachers.

SIR,—Your plea for better technical educati in the interests of British commercial supremac is one that I most heartily endorse. I gather th your speech has not altogether pleased the Bra ford textile manufacturers, some of whom a unable to see an inch beyond their noses; b enlightened commercial men are fast coming roun to your view that the nation with the best educate people holds the keys of the future. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. J. F. HOPE, M.P., Chairman of Committee, House of Commons.

SIR,—A great deal has been heard about t Kirkwood incident, in which, according to t motion set down by Mr. Ramsay MacDonal you showed "undue haste and impatience. You have only to look at our pages in the pa to know how little we approve of noisy and tir some interruptions in the House. At the sam time, the fact that the House so unanimous closed the episode by rescinding the motion f Kirkwood's suspension may be taken that membe felt there was a good deal of justice in MacDonald protest. The first essential of courtesy is t ability to keep one's own temper. That y lost yours so soon is a pity. JOHN BULL.



One Man's Dream ——— Another Man's Nightmare.

Straight from the Shoulder

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.:—"The common enem in Europe to-day is the sense of insecurity which reig everywhere."

Then remember your own responsibility to promote t opposite.

MR. BALDWIN:—"We want to create a new atm sphere in a new Parliament for a new age."

Precisely the reason for which you were made Prim Minister.

MR. FORBES LANKESTER:—"Costers' barrows are o of the most attractive features in London."

And conditions that force ex-Service men to search living with them one of the worst.

J. H. THOMAS, M.P.:—"Optimists are the people wh will expect electric fans in hell."

And pessimists the people who realise their leader impotency to keep them out of it.

THE SPEAKER:—"What Parliament has done, Parli ment can undo."

Granted, if Parliament ever does.

SIR HENRY SLESSER, K.C., M.P.:—"This country thirty years will be a slave State."

Then don't foment the slave spirit by making everyo dependent on the State.

Without Fear or Favour

CHEQUE BOOK JUSTICE

Faking the Food

WHILE the Food Prices Enquiry Commission is sifting the evidence lately taken on oath, it may not be amiss to call attention to another aspect of this important question.

There is a growing public conviction that just as prices are deliberately inflated, so quality is wilfully degraded.

In this connection Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, refers to the recent typhoid outbreak at Chorley. Its cause was simple. It appears that a farm on which a case of typhoid occurred distributed sixty gallons of milk daily to the surrounding district. No steps were taken to safeguard the milk-supply, and it was afterwards found that fifty-two people stricken with the disease had consumed milk from this farm. Two of them died.

This is but one instance of the terrible danger of impure food. We have repeatedly exposed the scandal of the use of harmful colouring matter and preservatives; but instead of this abuse being lessened it seems actually to be on the increase. And as soon as the Ministry of Health threatens definite action the long-suffering housewife is told that unless she is content with poisoned food she must expect to pay still more.

The shadier provision dealers make no secret of their intention to take as much advantage as they can of their remaining opportunities. Some of them have said officially that "if the prohibition of preservatives comes into force the Ministry ought to give the trade plenty of notice so that it can dispose of the enormous stocks it has on hand." Put in plain English, this means that they want to unloose upon an unsuspecting public thousands of tons of poisoned food. This design must be ruthlessly frustrated.

Liquid Death

THE new arsenic regulations issued by the Home Office are rather like the proverbial locking of the stable door after the horse has been stolen. The unchecked sale of weed-killers, fly-papers and other commercial products containing arsenic has been responsible for a number of murders. For years past we have advocated the simple regulation which the Home Office, after prolonged and inexplicable delays, has now seen fit to enforce. For the future all such articles will be classed as "poisons" and a record kept of their sales.

There is another noxious compound whose sale should be similarly restricted. Time and again we have called attention to the growth of the methylated spirit evil. In foolish hands this useful article becomes liquid murder. There are hundreds of women rapidly drinking themselves to death with its aid. They have no difficulty in obtaining supplies; any oil-shop will supply enough to make a bullock drunk.

Methylated spirit is a poison. It should be placed on the Home Office list.

The Poor Man's Divorce

IN a Court of Law all men are supposed to be equal. This is not so in fact. The scales of Justice are weighted in favour of the man who can purchase legal assistance. This is neither justice nor mercy

THE practical denial of justice to poor persons, owing to its excessive cost, is a workaday problem to which the pages of JOHN BULL are continually bearing witness.

The Report just presented to Parliament of the Poor Persons' Rules Committee should, in consequence, receive very serious consideration.

Mr Holford Knight, Barrister, who has done much towards these reforms

The Committee is outspoken in some of its declarations. It declares "that there is a moral obligation on the part of the legal profession, in return for the monopoly in the practice of the Law which it enjoys, to render free legal assistance to those members of the community who cannot afford to pay for such assistance."

The Committee rejects the plan of a State Department, and abolishes the Poor Persons' Office in the High Court, which has worked so manfully in dealing with a crying social injustice. It also declines to confer divorce jurisdiction upon the county courts, although urged to do so by the Law Society itself, and "by a large number of solicitors of the highest standing."

The excuse given is that legislation is required. We can only say that the sooner such legislation is enacted the better.

MEANWHILE, there are some recommendations of the Committee which will bring public satisfaction and relief. Since two-thirds of the divorce cases arise in the provinces, eight further places of assize are to try matrimonial causes.

Why every assize town was not recommended is a mystery known only to the Committee.

Still, the commencement and prosecution of divorce actions are to be made possible in the District High Court Registries at twenty-one towns, so that the absurd concentration in London is at last to be broken up. This is all to the public good.

The test of means, however, is to remain the same, namely, "that the usual income from all sources of the poor person does not exceed £2 a week, or in special circumstances, a sum not exceeding £4 a week."

We say, plainly, that a committee which imposes such a restriction can have little practical knowledge of economic facts. The idea that a man with £5 a week can afford the ordinary expense of matrimonial relief cannot be entertained by anyone with actual experience of working and lower middle-class conditions.

Moreover, the new machinery to be set up for the ascertainment of a meritorious poor person is open to serious criticism. On the abolition of the Poor Persons' Department in the High Court, the work is to be put upon local committees of solicitors; and the applicant will then have to undergo a personal interview with the honorary secretary or clerk of the committee, who will have power to decide whether the committee itself shall consider the case.

IF the committee is satisfied as to the applicant's poverty, he will then be questioned as to the nature and grounds of his claim, and will be required to produce documents in support of it.

We resent this totally unnecessary investigation into the poor person's poverty by a committee. At present it is done by a sympathetic officer. There is no reason whatever for substituting a soulless official body for a tactful and humane individual.

Nor do we think that local solicitors will give the time, or should be asked to give the time, to go into the merits of the documents of these cases. We have good reason for saying that we do not think, as a matter of fact, that they will.

So far as we can see, the effect of these recommendations will be not the urgently needed extension of the present relief to poor persons, but the gradual drying up of such relief as at present obtains.

Gilded Vice

VICE is invading the suburbs. In the world of iniquity the centre of gravity is shifting from Piccadilly to Putney, from Mayfair to Maidenhead, from Kensington to Croydon. In the outer environs of the metropolis night clubs and other depots of debauchery are springing up with such rapidity that London seems surrounded with black spots of infamy.

The garish night life of the metropolis now flaunts its wickedness in respectable Richmond, where the drug traffickers have recently established an active branch. To this picturesque Thames-side townlet the dope fiends of the West End resort regularly for the practice of their loathsome excesses.

Lower down the Thames the river-side is morally plague-ridden. There are dens of vice which make the night hideous with their shamelessness, and for voluptuous "jazzmania" put West End resorts in the shade.

These purple patches on London's map represent horrible excrescences of society life. Money is being poured out like water. Only the wealthy can afford to indulge such depraved tastes. Yet a few miles along the same river-bank are the famished mothers, harassed fathers, and hungry children of Limehouse and Poplar, Wapping and Bow.

There is something rotten in the state of society when pure women ache for bread while painted prostitutes are lapped in luxury. It is time that depraved creatures with the wealth to pander to their basest instincts were made to realise that they are among the worst enemies of the peace and order of their native land.

The moral sewers of outer London must be cleansed, even if in the process the possessors of crests and coronets are made acquainted with prison cells.

The Branded Child

AGAIN the problem of the "illegitimate" child is engaging the attention of our legislators; and again it will be no more than half solved, because as usual it is being approached from the wrong angle.

At the root of the problem is not the illegitimate child—for no child can ever be really illegitimate—but the illegitimate parent. It is the parent, not the child, who should be the target of the moralists; while the child, and not the parent, should be the chief care of the law.

This is where the reformers always go wrong. The Lord Chancellor's Bill provides that where the parents of a child born out of wedlock subsequently marry their offspring shall become legitimate. But if the parents do not marry the poor child is to be stigmatised for life.

Every year over 30,000 such children are born in England and Wales. There will always be many thousands whose parents never marry. These unwanted mites should be the special care of the law. They should take the name of their father, and be enabled to secure from him a full measure of protection.

CONSUMPTION CURED

Remarkable Claims by West End Specialist—Records of M duced into German State Hospitals—British Official Tests I

The Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health, whose responsibility it is to have the treatment thoroughly tested.

IF only half of what is claimed fo value to the future welfare of Correspondent. Millions of p White Scourge; it is also this loss can be prevented stand in the way. It i to demand that the adequate

OF every million living people in this country nearly eight hundred will die this year of tuberculosis of the lungs. This is the ghastly incidence of the White Scourge. Day after day the plague eats its way through the natural life; as a deadly scythe it cuts down human life in its daily sweep. Because of this, we feel that every suggestion of a cure, no matter how hare-brained it may appear to be, must be fully investigated.

There are two authorities, holding in their hands the power of life and death, who have in the past proved themselves ready to conduct such investigation. It is of no use to approach consumption or cancer or any similar disease with a mental attitude that "there is no cure, therefore your suggested cure is not a cure." We therefore appeal to both the Ministry of Health and the General Medical Council to take official cognisance of a startling claim that has been brought to our notice.

This claim is nothing less than a certain cure for phthisis made by a coterie of medical men, who bring forward what they are convinced are actual cases of complete cure. We propose to state the facts that we have in our possession, without in any way admitting that we are convinced either as to their genuineness or otherwise. We feel that it is not for laymen to pronounce any verdict on such a vital matter, but, for the sake of a suffering public, we certainly do demand that the Ministry of Health and the General Council of the medical profession shall take immediate steps exhaustively and thoroughly to test the claims that are made.

The obstruction of "etiquette"

About two years ago a well-known London research chemist, Mr. Oliver Antony Newell, who has achieved some degree of success as a bacteriologist, perfected a serum which he believed to be an effective antidote to the tubercle bacillus. As he is not a member of the medical profession he knew full well that his formula would not receive recognition from that body, and so obtained qualified professional advice and co-operation.

He consulted a fully qualified West End specialist on tuberculosis. Owing to the ethical rules of the General Medical Council, we are precluded from giving this gentleman's name or that of other medical men later to be referred to. We have these names and will hand them over to the Ministry of Health or the General Medical Council when invited to do so. Meanwhile, we will refer to the West End specialist as Dr. B.

Convincing the specialist

This gentleman investigated Mr. Newell's claim, analysed the formula in his own laboratory, and, after making sure that it could be in no way injurious, tested it on certain of his tuberculous patients with their consent.

In a statement that he has signed for JOHN BULL, he says: "I am absolutely convinced that it is a remarkable cure. The effects on the patients have been astonishing to myself and to a medical friend whom I have had assisting me. The net result of all these investigations has been the healing up of the lungs in many cases of phthisis, to say nothing of the marked improvement of a very old-standing case of tuberculous skin trouble. All those still under treatment are improving rapidly."

This doctor has treated several cases, in some of which the whole of one lung, and sometimes of both lungs, was affected by disease. He states that "decided improvement has taken place. In cases where there have been actual cavities these have healed up."

It will be seen that these results were enough to startle any orthodox physician, and, in order further to test the treatment, it was decided to enlist the sympathies of two other doctors. The first of these is Doctor C., who has a practice in the East End of London. The other, Doctor D., has recently been the medical officer of a large territory in Africa, was a captain in the R.A.M.C., and has many years' service in the medical profession to his credit.

95 per cent. cures

In order to subject the treatment to the most stringent tests possible, it was decided to open a clinic in the East End, and to deal with the most stubborn, even hopeless, cases. These included people who, according to the three doctors referred to, were absolutely dying of the disease, and had no circumstances that were conducive to recovery, some of them living in unhealthy homes, with as many as eight persons in a room.

Doctor C. has furnished us with a signed statement. He says: "I consider this method to be of world-wide importance, and believe that by this—what I consider to be the greatest medical discovery of the century—we have at last found a successful means of combating what has been truly called the White Plague."

This medical man, reporting on the tests he has made, says: "With the exception of two cases, too far advanced for treatment, our efforts have been crowned with what I consider the most amazing success. Ninety-five per cent. were treated successfully."

The other medical man, Doctor D., examined the cases of Doctor B. and Doctor C. during the course of the tests. His signed statement in our possession is put forward as corroboration of the claims of the other two medical men.

"I have noticed," he says, "a decided improvement of cases of pulmonary tuberculosis which were in a fairly advanced state. The formula is a simple one, quite in order from a chemical point of view, and the attendant treatment equally quite orthodox."

Germany snaps it up

This gentleman has been in the profession for over a quarter of a century and has dealt with tuberculous cases in various forms in countries such as India, Egypt, Ceylon, German East Africa, Brazil and Montreal, in addition to this country. He says: "Never have I experienced such wonderful results in such a short space of time."

This, however, did not suffice. Doctor D. insisted on calling in an eminent German doctor, Dr. Bernhardt Janert, to conduct an investigation. Previous to his visit, he was attached to the Berlin Charité Hospital, one of the largest hospitals in Germany.

He stayed six weeks in this country testing the formula, searching the claims, investigating the cases, and questioning the patients. As Dr. Janert was a student under the famous Dr. Koch, he can be accepted as an authority on tuberculosis, having studied the Koch treatment, the Spahlinger treatment and others.

In his signed statement to us he says: "Never before have I encountered a treatment bringing such speedy and marvellous results. After examining the physical condition of some of the patients and reading their past history, I am astonished that such are alive and well."

He adds that it is his solemn conviction that the remedy is "an absolute cure for tuberculosis even in hopeless cases. I know to my own personal knowledge of numerous actual cures which it has accomplished. The cases which came under my own care for treatment, which were in a very advanced and hopeless state, showed an average of 90 per cent. cures."

Dr. Janert returned to Germany last week in order to introduce the treatment into the institutions in that country, including the Charité Hospital, and into tuberculosis sanatoria. Since his return he has wired to say that the Charité Hospital is devoting its laboratories to the formula, and that special clinics are being opened in Berlin and Dresden.

We see it demonstrated

The matter has been discussed with the German Consul in London, who has approved of the proposal to introduce the treatment into the institutions under the German Government.

The treatment has been demonstrated to us, and patients treated in the presence of the Editor and Assistant-Editor of this journal last week. In one

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Views of the for

INTERVIEWED on the subject, the Rt. Hon. John Wheatley, M.P., late Minister of Health, stated that any means of combating tuberculosis would be more eagerly welcomed by the Ministry of Health than by any other body. Before, during and since his term of office the Ministry had never failed to give an open-minded reception to all suggested remedies. He is sure that the same spirit now exists.

The Rt. Hon. John Wheatley, M.P.

"Tuberculosis costs the Ministry millions of pounds per year," explained Mr. Wheatley. "If there is any possibility of reducing this the Ministry of Health would be the last to hesitate. When I was in charge of the Ministry of Health I met Spahlinger and went fully into his remedy. I was prepared to ask the Government to make him a grant of £100,000, but he was unable to conform

—Startling Evidence! —*Exclusive to "John Bull"*

ulous Cures—Secret Tests in East End Clinic—Intro- nded—Ministry of Health Must Take Immediate Action

iscovery is true, it is of infinite ity, writes our own Medical re being spent to combat the millions of lives. If any of hing must be allowed to the Ministry of Health erers shall give it tration

ase, the patient was a qualified nurse, who a w weeks ago had very noticeable lesions in the ce—she suffered from tuberculosis of the skin. he testified to us that these have completely isappeared, and certainly there were no obvious igns of any skin trouble.

Life into he dead"

The method of treatment is simple. The upper rm is treated with a surface antiseptic and then local anæsthetic is administered by means of a ypodermic needle. A syringe full of the serum then injected, and certain medicine is given for he purpose of improving the nervous and digestive ystems.

It is claimed that this treatment, extending to ss than twenty insertions, will cure the most ntractable case of tuberculosis of the lung. The arts of the affected organ that have been eaten way by the disease are renewed in vitality so hat new tissue is grown and the cavities healed.

We have been supplied with the records of me of the cures that have been claimed. They ake sensational reading. Their medical history, o far as the treatment is concerned, is at our disposal, and can be supplied to either of the two uthorities to which previous reference has been ade.

We give details of the following cases as given to s. One was that of a man who had been in a Swiss anatorium, and later discharged as hopeless from nother in the south of England. He had frequent ttacks of hæmorrhage, and both lungs were adly affected. The man was in a condition of collapse, and Doctor C. states that he would certainly have died in two months.

Since undergoing the treatment he has become so well that he is able to travel from the provinces once a week for treatment.

Another man—Mr. T. H., of Chelmsford (we have full names and addresses in our possession)—in a written statement says that he is "keeping A1." He was an officer in the Army, and was discharged in 1918 with tuberculosis of the lungs. In August last he went under the care of Doctor C., who found a consolidation of the lung at the right apex; he was also very weak and neurasthenic, and was exhibiting all the symptoms of a rapid decline.

After six weeks' treatment he states that he is completely cured, and "this happy state of affairs is fully corroborated by the independent examination of another physician, who told me that he could find no trace of the disease."

Another case—Mr. E.—had sanatorium treatment for fourteen months; one lung was so affected that it "looked like a sieve." The patient was in an advanced state of phthisis, and his family history is consumptive.

After two treatments the patient stated that he felt better; he had no longer the temperature typical of tuberculosis, and made steady improvement until, in January last, an X-ray examination revealed a remarkable clearing-up of the lung. "The report of an independent examination is that the whole lung that was previously affected is now completely cured, and bleeding stopped six hours after treatment commenced."

Sent home to die

Another man—Mr. T. C.—came to Doctor C. in a dying condition; no hope was entertained of him by his medical advisers. Another doctor states that the man's lungs "were just like a piece of Gruyère cheese."

He was treated by Doctor C., and on March 3 the patient was well enough to start work again.

A woman, aged forty-three—Mrs. H.—who is a house-keeper, was sent to Doctor C. Both the lungs were badly affected, one being almost gone. She had been to a sanatorium and was "sent home to die as incurable."

At the beginning of the treatment she was in the usual weak and debilitated condition, incapable of any active exertion. At the end of fourteen weeks' treatment she was examined by Doctor D. and Doctor E. They report that the lungs are completely healed up.

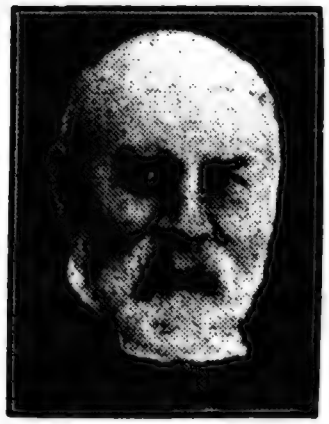
Quacks or saviours?

We have in our possession the records of twelve such cases. These are a few of the results claimed for the treatment. They bear on the surface a semblance of conviction, and certainly a layman can only judge these things by results. It is for those who are professionally authoritative to deal with this matter.

In our opinion this "cure" is either criminal quackery or the most stupendous discovery of modern times. In either case official action is imperative.

If it is quackery then the doctors who are employing it are guilty of a foul trick on suffering humanity. They would deserve most stringent punishment by the General Medical Council, who now that we have revealed what is going on must take immediate steps.

If, on the other hand, the "cure" is *bona fide*, the work is of the highest importance to mankind. It would remove the dread scourge and free the



Sir Donald Macalister, President of the General Medical Council which can take action if the claims are false.

human race from the fear and power of a great evil. The Ministry of Health, in that case, has a clear duty before it.

Meanwhile, we desire to state that the public must not allow its hope to be stimulated too much. There have been alleged "cures" in the past; Mr. Wheatley—late Minister of Health—states that they crop up at the rate of one a week. But still the plague is not stayed.

Offered to the Ministry

The position at the moment is that certain definite claims are made for this treatment. Until they are conclusively proved to be sound the public should refrain from coming to any decision on the matter.

To clarify this position we have challenged the doctors to supply the treatment to well-known sanatoria for test use. We also hope to introduce to them an advanced case of tuberculosis as a further test.

This has been agreed to and the preparation will be offered to sanatoria and the medical profession generally in the course of the next few days. Mr. Newell has also promised to hand over to the Ministry of Health, on request, full particulars of the treatment, and to lodge, under pledges of secrecy, the formula.

We now desire to invite the Rt. Hon. Mr. Neville Chamberlain as Minister of Health to deal with the matter. We do not anticipate that he will hesitate to instruct Sir George Newman, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, to conduct a searching investigation into the suggested cure.

The discoverer of the remedy asserts that he has no desire to use his discovery as a means to obtain wealth. Like Spahlinger, he has spent his life-savings on the researches, but he is quite willing to hand the formula over to the Ministry of Health under certain conditions that will ensure the return of a portion of his expenditure—a sum that is comparatively very small.

Warning to the public

The medical men also state that they are not financially interested. There is no intention of putting the preparation on the market as a patent medicine—a procedure which would ensure a fortune. Their desire is to give it into the hands of fully qualified medical men.

What we have endeavoured to do here is to submit what is a *prima facie* case. It now remains for the authorities to investigate fully all the claims that are made. This will result in one of two things: the exposure of a heartless and fraudulent quackery or the revelation of a discovery that will be of inestimable benefit.

Until this has taken place the public must be content to wait. We give notice that in no circumstances whatever will we put any member of the general public in touch with the "cure" or its exponents. It will be useless for readers and others to write asking for further particulars at we shall not be convinced of its utility until the competent authorities give their recommendation.

Meanwhile, we are investigating the matter further, and shall return to the subject in a subsequent issue.

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inister of Health

o what I regarded as very reasonable conditions. I say this to show how eager every Minister of Health is to give every encouragement to research."

Mr. Wheatley pointed out that every week roduces a new claim to a "cure," consequently nly those that bear on the surface some apparent asibility could be seriously considered. He imself has become an authority on the subject, aving been actively engaged in fighting tuberulosis in Scotland and this country ever since he ook up public work.

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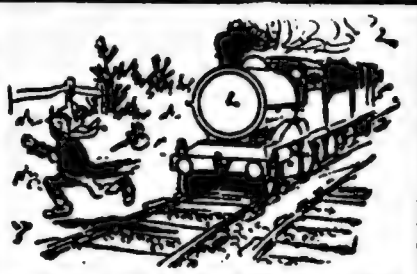

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Table-rappings and Spooks

by **SIR WM. F. BARRETT, F.R.S.** (*The Eminent Scientist who is an authority on Spiritism*).

NOT many years ago the public generally used to say that spiritualism was all humbug and trickery. Comparatively few people now venture to say this. Moreover, an increasing number of people, such as Sir Oliver Lodge and Sir E. Marshall Hall, have asserted that they have proved spiritualistic phenomena to be genuine. Sir A. Conan Doyle and others have accepted it as a new revelation.

"*Infested by raps*"

Soon after I was appointed to my Chair of Experimental Physics in Dublin, a Mr. and Mrs. C., who had taken a house near where I was then living at Kingston, told me that their daughter, Florrie, about twelve years of age, was frequently "infested by raps" and all kinds of disturbances. The family asked me to investigate. This I did for some weeks and found that the most amazing phenomena occurred when Florrie sat by my side in *broad daylight*, no one else being present. The child's hands and feet were absolutely motionless, but loud raps came from all parts of the room or from the back of the garden seat. In order to make certain that I was not being made the subject of hallucination, I obtained the assistance of a scientific friend, who confirmed my observations.

A wobbling table

Not long after this some similar phenomena were brought to my notice by the family of some friends in Dublin. Here also the phenomena took place in *full light*. The psychic or medium in this case was a lady who knew nothing of spiritualism. On one occasion when sitting with her in full light, after the usual raps and table tilting had occurred, a small writing-table at the other end of the room came wobbling across the floor until it pinned me in the armchair in which I was sitting.

Other phenomena equally mysterious occurred with the same psychic day after day. Intelligent answers to questions were given by tippings of the table occurring at the right letter when the alphabet was repeated, and such violent blows on the floor sometimes occurred that I thought the ceiling of the room below would be brought down.

When genuine physical phenomena occur in private circles the medium is so much sought after that he or she naturally has to charge a fee. This leads to the existence of a number of professional mediums, and it is a deplorable fact that some mediums are led to simulate the phenomena by trickery.

Tricky mediums

I will here give an instance of a clever fraud that I detected years ago when sitting with the medium, "Dr." Monck, who became famous through the support given him by the late Archdeacon Colley. The Archdeacon invited me to some sittings with Monck. At the first sitting I noticed what appeared to be a white object moving in front of us near the ground. This the Archdeacon said was the beginning of a spirit form. The next evening, when the white object again appeared, I quietly stretched out my leg and pressed my foot firmly down upon it. Immediately there came a protest from the quasi spirit, which led me to ask the Archdeacon to turn up the light. I then found under my foot a wire framework covered with white muslin to which was attached a black thread which had been broken.

Then there was the remarkable slate-writing performance of the medium, "Dr." Slade, over forty years ago. I attended a great many of these and undoubtedly many genuine phenomena did occur. Nevertheless, I caught Slade in a most flagrant act of trickery, throwing up a cane-bottomed chair with his left foot, which he thought was concealed from my view.

Sir Wm. Barrett

The phenomenon of writing messages purporting to be produced by *direct spirit action* is a frequent occurrence with certain mediums. Some time ago a series of experiments by a Mr. Davey was published by the Society for Psychical Research, which conclusively showed that what seemed to be direct spirit writing was really done by clever trickery on the part of Mr. Davey. The career of the famous Italian medium, Eusapia Palladino, is another instance of how a genuine medium of physical phenomena may degenerate into a clever trickster.

Don't encourage them!

The moral is this—that mediums who profess to produce physical phenomena in complete darkness should not be encouraged. Here let me add that none of these purely physical phenomena afford proof of survival after death; but this is too large a subject to be discussed in the present article.

Justifiable Birth Control

Segregation or Sterilisation?

by **NORAH MARCH. B.Sc.**

NO sane man or woman can conscientiously ignore the problem.

A few years ago in one English workhouse there were sixteen feeble-minded women. These sixteen women produced 116 mentally defective children. What does that signify to the nation?

There are many thousands of mentally defective people in our population, over 13,000 children of school age—to say nothing of the younger children and the adults. These children at present are being educated at the citizens' cost, some of them in ordinary schools, some of them in special schools, and some of them housed in proper institutions for their care. In time they have children of their own, in all probability children bearing the same taint of weakmindedness that they themselves had and have.

Many of them, indeed, most of them, are unable to support themselves in life. Sometimes it is the parents and friends on whom this heavy charge falls; often it is the citizen who has to bear the cost in terms of rates and taxes—an enormously heavy cost, over a million pounds being spent on defective children in the schools alone in one year.

The children suffer

Not all of these defective children are feebleminded though by far the greater number of them are. Some are cripples, some are tubercular, some are deaf, some are blind, some epileptic. Feeble, suffering, they need our sympathy and care.

But *why* are they feeble in mind, deformed and weakly in body? In most cases, though not in all, because their parents had the same weakness themselves, passing it on to their offspring. Eighty out of every hundred feeble-minded children have feeble-mindedness in the family history behind them. Sometimes it may not appear for one generation, but will reappear in a later one. So, too, with epilepsy which, in *most* cases, is passed on from parent to child.

A terrible legacy

Insanity also seems to run in families. That is to say, the peculiar weakness of the mind which leads to collapse under strain, seems to pass from parent to child.

In bygone ages life was not so gentle for the weak as it is to-day. They were left to struggle for themselves, and many of them went down in the struggle. They died an early death. But in our modern times we have cleaned up the cities, purified the food, protected the weak, cared for them in institutions, guarded them from harm, with the result that we have actually kept them alive in greater numbers than before. They in turn bring forth degenerate offspring.

It is quite right that all these measures for improving the conditions of life should be established and maintained. They are raising the standard of health all round. But—and this is the problem which no sane man or women can conscientiously ignore—what is to be done with regard to the degenerates? Are they to be left free to hand on their weakness, generation after generation?

In several of the United States there are laws which say that degenerates of this type shall not be allowed to have children. They are to be sterilised, and cannot have children.

Another way is that defective individuals should be maintained in institutions and prevented from mingling with people outside—another device—segregation—for preventing them from having children.

In this country we are particularly loth to interfere with the liberty of the subject, but there are times when the good of the nation as a whole must be put before the liberty of the subject.

Mental lepers

Sterilisation has its advantages and disadvantages. If a defective person is sterilised and left free to mingle with the community, he or she is still a social danger, may become a criminal, a pauper, a means of spreading sexual disease and may be a menace to the community.

Segregation is a more costly method in itself. That is to say, the cost of maintaining all the mentally defective individuals in institutions under perfectly healthy conditions would be enormous.

Many men and women to-day who suffer from some hereditary bodily weakness recognise their unfitness for parenthood and are voluntarily refraining from having children. The imbeciles and feeble-minded, however, cannot be expected to judge fitly for themselves in regard to such an important matter. For these, public opinion must act.

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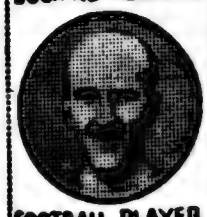

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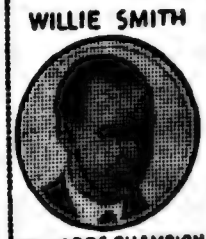

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SECOND-HAND BABIES

by ROBERT J. PARR, O.B.E.,
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Children are handed over to strangers and frequently lost sight of again. Registration of adoption is urgent.

IT frequently happens that when a particularly bad case resulting from the adoption of a child is reported in the newspapers, when the child has been neglected or cruelly treated, requests are received from persons asking if the children concerned may be handed over to them. Apart from the professional adopter who, for gain, will take any child—provided the sum of money offered is considered sufficient—there are a large number of people who look upon a money payment with a child as a means of helping them out of a financial difficulty. There are, however, especially amongst the poor, many people who adopt children without reward.

Advertisements in newspapers are very useful to people who have no desire beyond that of evading their responsibilities in respect of their children. This haphazard method of disposing of children is common. Some years ago most of the reputable newspapers discontinued the insertion of adoption advertisements.

There are many cases in which children who are adopted without money payments are exposed to grave moral dangers. A woman was sent to prison for a month for aiding and abetting the keeping of a brothel. A girl aged ten years, who was adopted by distant relatives was made to sleep with a lodger aged sixty, a man addicted to drink. The foster-father of an adopted daughter of nine was charged with the carnal knowledge of the girl. The man was tried at assizes and acquitted, but the girl was rescued and sent to a home.

IT is not unusual to find persons of known bad habits adopting children. A child, eleven months old, passed through several hands until it came into the charge of a young married woman, the wife of a sailor. She adopted the child with a payment of £16 10s. The woman was of loose character, and on more than one occasion had been in hospital suffering from venereal disease.

Considerable sums of money are obtained by people with children whom they adopt, though in many cases the children do not reap any benefit. A man and his wife adopted ten children for sums ranging from £5 to £80. It was proved that £300 has been received by these people, who were prosecuted by the Guardians for failing to notify the reception of the children as required by the Children Act.

IT has always been part of the adoption agents' scheme of operations to have babies handed over at railway stations, much of the difficulty in tracing children being due to this fact. One woman in Lancashire, well known to the authorities, and more than once prosecuted for various offences in connection with nurse children, has long been in the habit of sending young children to the north by night trains. Most of the transactions of her agents are carried out at railway stations.

Bearing all this in mind, it is somewhat disquieting to learn that the recently-formed Societies are carrying out the transfer of some of their children at stations. In one case, the attendant at a waiting-room stated that two women came about 10 a.m., carrying a baby, and remained there until 11.30, when two other women came with a girl, apparently about twelve years old. There was some conversation; the baby was handed over to one of the women, who took it away. No money passed, and no papers were signed. The two women who arrived first at the waiting-room then left, returning shortly afterwards with a young woman about twenty years old, who was carrying a baby. She told the woman the child was six years old. There was some talk, papers were put on the table, and money was passed.

The wiles and stratagems of the old hands at this business are such that anyone undertaking work in connection with adoptions must needs possess special qualifications and have had experience and training. Some of the inspectors under the Ministry of Health can give expert evidence on this side of the subject.

If all adoptions are to be registered, I suggest an amendment of Part I., Children Act.

If adoptions are to be legalised, I suggest an amendment of Part II., Children Act, something on the lines of the provisions now contained in Section 21, provisions which have worked easily and well since the year 1889, when they were introduced into the first Act for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. All adoptions, variations of orders, revocations, or questions of maintenance, would then have to receive the sanction of a Court.

This reform, if it can be brought about, will greatly hearten those who have for years been striving to mitigate, if not to entirely remove, the great evils.

The Sentence of the Court

Testing Time

Better Shaw than Sorry!

by HARRISON OWEN

MAJOR E. F. L. WOOD, Minister of Agriculture, having pleaded "Not guilty" to a charge of neglect, Mr. Watchdog, K.C., remarked that since procrastination is the thief of time, the accused might have been charged with robbery, for his delay in testing Dr. John Shaw's foot-and-mouth prophylactic meant that farmers were robbed both of time and of money.

"Now that a departmental committee has urged that a 'reputed preventive' should be tested," continued counsel, "the public wants to know how much longer it will be before Dr. Shaw's remedy is given a trial? The accused says that 'it may be possible to carry out a test in the near future.'

"Why this amazing timidity? That some permanent officials are opposed to Dr. Shaw's remedy, as they probably would be to anything not stamped with their own (White)hall-mark, is well known, and so Dr. Shaw, in his wanderings through the forest of bureaucracy, has not been able to see the Wood for the trees of prejudice with which he is surrounded."

MR. STRAWSPLITTER said that his learned friend had revealed little charity, but he seemed full of faith in the efficacy of a syringe and of hope regarding a bottled miracle. He evidently mistook the inventor of this alleged prophylactic for that Golden Shaw of which we heard such pleasing accounts.

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"I would remind counsel for the defence," said Mr. Justice Bull, "that foot-and-mouth disease, which last year cost the taxpayers £7,000,000, is no joking matter. If the accused continues killing time his officials will continue killing cattle whenever an epidemic breaks out, for apparently the scientific babes in the Wood department consider that for an outsider to claim to have discovered a remedy which has eluded their combined intelligence is an unwarrantable impertinence.

"This is the prisoner's last chance, for unless he arranges a fair test of this remedy I shall direct that he be imprisoned until the cows come home."

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

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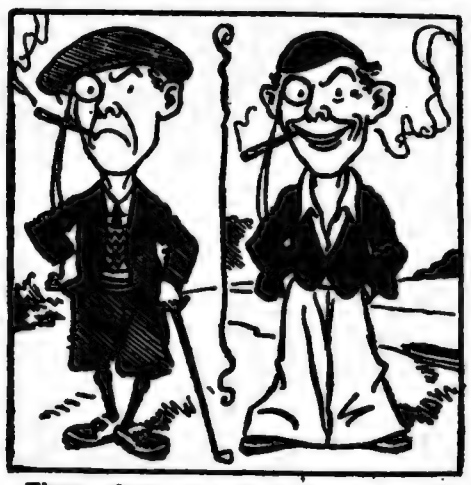

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IGNORANT INNOCENCE

by MABEL HORNER

A MOTHER once said, referring to her young son, "He is such an unsophisticated boy. Where girls are concerned he is as innocent-minded as a baby." "So she thinks," commented a friend, "yet at this very moment he is managing to carry on a secret liaison with a neighbour's girl that is likely to end in most serious trouble for both families."

The friend was right. The mother was wrong. The truth is that mothers are deceived by the unnatural reticence that prevails over the one thing in life that nature has made most insistent. Mothers must take nothing for granted. The foremost psychologists of the day have warned us. They tell us that the procreative instincts are present, making themselves felt even in childhood, and that of all things is the last parents must leave to run wild without loving care and guidance.

THIS brings us up sharp against the difficulty. Endless letters reach me from mothers who are worried as to how to give the necessary knowledge to tender minds without at the same time doing harm. "I dread to put into my child's mind thoughts that at such an early age ought not to be there," runs one sentence. The writer need have no fear. Curiosity is a dominant quality of every intelligent child. In the words of an old Quakeress, "If thou dost not teach thy child the devil will." Remember there are whisperers in every school and playground. But the child fortified by wise tuition has ceased to be interested in silliness.

Moreover, it is made strong to resent impurity. For clean and wholesome truth is the most satisfying thing in the world. Let mother and child walk together along the path of knowledge. Begin with plants and flowers; use eyes and ears along the country roads, or even in the City parks; choose pleasant language to describe habits of trees and flowers; show how, in these lovely forms of nature each little seed that springs to life, and grows to fairy beauty, had first two parents, both combining to bring its tiny form into being. Fascinate your child's eyes by showing him the pollen-laden bee fertilising the flowers as it hums along on its honey-gathering quest. From plants to bird-life the transition is easy; and remember, in talking to a little child, it is wise to stress the tenderness, the faithfulness and the self-sacrifice of both parent-birds, who together build the nest, and together guard the eggs, and together labour untiringly to bring the little nestlings food.

Prof. Sigmund Freud, the famous psychologist, who maintains that sex consciousness begins in babyhood

AS the child grows older it is able to understand why little animals, during the breeding season, need extra special care. It can be fearlessly told how the mother guards her young, keeping them safe and warm within her own body, until the moment comes when they are strong enough to brave the outside world. A child unspoilt has a responsive heart, and that mother who guides her child's mind into consideration of the care and love—yes, and even the pain of maternity—will have builded greater than she knows towards a state of society where every woman shall have a mother's heart, and every man be pure.

NATURALLY, a child brought up as I have indicated will come readily to appreciation of direct knowledge of how the human race is brought into the world. Here, again, it is less a question of how much is told than of the way in which it is told, and the side of life that is stressed. Boys, no less than girls, must be so taught that they will regard a moral lapse as shamefully weak. They will, after such tuition in childhood as I have indicated, be ready for the vision that the harmony of the universe is disturbed when self-gratification is made the object, and not the mutual home-building and care for others. They will look upon love as a sacred thing, as part of a great plan to ensure the continuance of the race.

To put it shortly, in all matters relating to sex they will reject the sneaking and the sniggering in favour of a purer, loftier view. The tragic process through our courts of "youth gone wrong" might cease. Above all, if my doubting correspondent, and others with her, would have written to me on this subject would take the line I have suggested, they would find the results as cheering and wholesome as the letting in of sunshine to a dark and dangerous place.

The Unwanted Woman

by PROFESSOR HENRY MORDAN, B.Sc.

THERE is much talk to-day about unwanted children. Unwanted women seem to have been overlooked. Yet there are two million of them in Great Britain alone—two million "superfluous women" who will never find mates because there are not enough to go round, two million good women who will never function as Nature intended them to function, two million who will go through life childless and—more or less—unloved.

It is a serious problem, and it is being shelved or ignored. From the economic and labour point of view alone such a huge number of women over men is menacing; from the humanitarian and physical side it calls for immediate attention.

In Britain there are not enough men to provide husbands for these women. Thus there is in the labour market—cheapening it and weakening it—this army of defeated spinsters. And as they cheapen it they are furthering woman's defeat. Man, competing with this cheap labour, is himself reduced to penury. Thus even women for whom there are potential mates are being forced to remain unmarried.

THE position is making for a general lowering of our standard of living, and a general weakening of our national physique and mental balance. At least two million women are faced with the problem of existing by their own efforts. For them no man will ever toil all day and come home at night to throw his pay envelope cheerfully into their lap. They must stand or fall by themselves.

So the numbers of women on the streets increase. Social workers will tell you that never before have there been so many women walking the streets. Yet nothing is done to mitigate the evil.

IN this country we are not foolish enough to regard polygamy as a solution. The idea that men who can afford it should have more than one wife cannot hope to find favour. Strictly from a scientific point of view something may be said for the suggestion. But as a student of human nature I am firmly convinced that the temperament of the average Briton is all against such an innovation. We are not naturally polygamous. Most of us are quite happy and contented with the wife of our choice.

Emigration of many women to those vast colonies of ours where there are many men without mates might be admirable and would absorb thousands. But the problem goes deeper. It might be impossible to obviate it, but it should certainly be possible to mitigate it.

It ought to be possible to make provision for the maintenance of single, unsupported women after they reach a certain age. The women could contribute to this form of "pension" throughout the whole of their period of employment, in much the same way as under the National Insurance scheme and the Unemployment Insurance scheme.

Absurd proposals? Why? We ought never to put obstacles in the way of reforms that will increase the sum of human happiness and fulfilment.

The community spirit is what is wanted in life. If we realised that we all stand and fall by each other our Legislature might make some provision for the "unwanted woman."

How to Keep Well

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by A Wimpole Street Physician

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Measles, whooping-cough, and bronchitis in childhood appear to bring on this weakness.

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In the period of convalescence exercises that cause increased eye pressure must be forbidden.

Carrying heavy weights in the course of one's work may increase the eye-ball pressure and bring on short sight.

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"MY brother and I married two sisters, to whom no doubt we have been very much attached. Until the war all went well; but when the war was over my brother, who rose to the rank of sergeant-major, returned an absolute wreck, his nerve and brain being almost destroyed. By struggle after struggle, I managed to keep him out of asylums to which doctors recommended him to be put, as I would rather see him dead than in such places, having been an asylum attendant for years myself.

"As time drew on he gradually pulled himself together, and two years ago sailed for Australia with his wife and son. He seemed to be getting on splendidly with a grocery store of his own, and I know he has saved practically £1,000, and is now the father of two sons.

"But letters of late from his wife have hinted at the return of his nightmare which I so much dreaded, and to make matters worse he imagines his wife to be untrue. His letters to me are heart-breaking, for I know that it is pure imagination, and now I have received a pitiful letter stating, in his heartbroken way, that owing to his wife's unfaithfulness he is driven to leave her and his two children, and is returning to me at once. He is leaving all with his wife and children, whom I need not worry over immediately, as they will not want.

"BUT, Humanist, imagine my sad and awkward position—my brother returning to me after leaving his wife, who is my own wife's sister. What will eventually happen I dare not think; but my wife naturally feels the position very much, and like myself is dreading the arrival, yet hoping to pull him round again as we did before.

"I am convinced that his wife, like my own, is as good as gold; yet, poor fellow, he has that agonising thought on his mind. I am not always at home now, so should he be very bad I am again handicapped. I really do not know what to do for the best. I have looked at the question from all ways, and find I must hope that your advice will direct me in the right direction."

"Humanist" says:—*You have no alternative but to receive your brother when he returns. I trust that he may once more be cured. It is a terrible thing both for you and your brother's wife and sons. Tragedies such as this must make our country realise that never can she repay the immeasurable debt she owes her sons.*

"I AM the youngest of a family of seven—three girls and four boys. All my brothers and sisters are now married, and father and I have a flat just outside London. We are both in business, and have been very happy together until now.

Deathbed Promise

"I am engaged to a man who is a latter-day Saint, and although I hear so many tales about their doings, they do not worry me. Now I know that in a few years he will be going back to Utah, and that *I* shall have to embrace his faith. So far, religion has been no obstacle to our friendship, for father and I are not members of any particular church, but attend various places of worship as we feel inclined.

"In mother's time we were all sent to Sunday-school, morning and afternoon, and again attended chapel with mother in the evening. Father did not go, but he never interfered with mother's wishes. As they became old enough, each of my brothers and sisters were baptised and received into the chapel.

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." In every case the name and address of the writer are suppressed so that the authors may not be identified. In cases that are too intimate or are not of sufficient interest to be helpful to others, correspondents must send stamped addressed envelopes if they wish to be answered through the post. Ten shillings is sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed.

"I was eighteen when mother died, and up till then I had repeatedly refused to become a member. On her death-bed mother extracted a promise from me to join the 'happy band'—at some time or other.

"This has not troubled me till now, for father says it is unnecessary. This is my problem. My fiancé wishes to be allowed to instruct me in his faith, in preparation for our marriage, which will be solemnised in his church.

"Does my promise to my mother really bind me? I have no great desire either way, except to be happy, and that, of course, will be with my fiancé. Father will not influence me. He is quite prepared to go abroad with us and open a shop there, for he and my fiancé are both in the same trade.

"Please, Humanist, what can I do? You help so many troubled readers; can you help me? I am prepared to risk anything, for father will be there. It is just my promise that holds me back."

"Humanist" says: *If you can keep your promise to your mother without violating your own conscience, do so. I advise you to reflect very seriously indeed before you decide to go to Utah and join the Mormons. However confident you may feel now about the prospect, you might come to a rude awakening, and the presence of your father would be of little help to you.*

"I AM engaged to a man who confessed to me that there had been other women in his life. I loved him, and to love is to forgive. Ever since our engagement, however, he has communicated with a girl with whom for some years he had been intimate. It hurt me, but I resolved to be *big* about it.

Troubled Fiancee

"A few weeks ago she wrote to him telling him that she was expecting a child (by another man). My fiancé told me about it, and I said I was sorry, but because I was not sufficiently sympathetic he accused me of being hard and bitter. Since then her letters to him have been more frequent, but never once has he mentioned them to me.

"There is no jealousy on my part, only a feeling of humiliation that he should wish to flaunt a past mistress before my eyes. I feel that if he understood the delicacy of love he would try to make me forget his unworthiness, not constantly remind me of it.

"Please tell me what to do? Could such a marriage be a happy one? I have so readily forgiven, but it has been taken as a matter of course."

"Humanist" says: *You should ask him to break altogether with the past, for the sake of your happiness. If he loves you he will do so. If he refuses — I think you should break off your engagement. You will not have a happy married life with a man so inconsiderate as to "flaunt" his past amours before his future wife's eyes.*

"I AM twenty-six and keep house for my father, my mother being dead. A year ago I became engaged. My fiancé is fifteen years my senior, and, having a good position, he is anxious that our marriage should take place soon.

A Sister's Duty

"Unfortunately one of my sisters is an imbecile. She is not troublesome except at intervals, but my other sister refuses to leave her situation and return home to look after my father unless the unfortunate one is put away.

"I cannot bear the thought that she should be sent to some institution where she might be roughly treated, but unless this is done I am afraid I must give up my dreams of happiness."

"Humanist" says: *I think it is clear your sister's duty to relieve you of the burden you have borne so long. She should not expect you to sacrifice your future for your family's needs, and she should be willing to give up a little of her leisure and pleasure for your happiness.*

Seeking Happiness

"I have done most things worth doing and am still quite young. I have a good salary, but as fast as I make it I spend it. I am popular with the people I meet, yet I am as miserable as a sinner. Can you give me the key to happiness?"

"Humanist" says: *I think you are miserable because you are seeking happiness selfishly. The truest happiness consists in service to others, and if you search your heart you may find the key there, hidden under your own desires.*

A Son's Neglect

"I am sixty-eight years of age. I worked as a miner for fifty-five years, but had to give up three years ago. I gave my youngest son a college education and he is now in America earning a very good salary, but refuses to answer letters. Can I force him by law to help me?"

"Humanist" says: *As your son is abroad he cannot be compelled by law to contribute to your support. You can only hope that in time his conscience will make him uneasy about his undutiful conduct.*

An Orphan's Plight

"I am attached to a girl who was orphaned in childhood and has since lived with a married sister who makes her life a misery. She asked me to find her suitable lodgings where she could stay until we have a home of our own, and I made arrangements with a respectable married couple to board her, but her sister refuses to let her go. Can she be compelled to remain where she is?"

"Humanist" says: *A girl over the age of sixteen can live where she chooses, but she should be very careful of her choice. I would counsel her to remain with her relations until you can make a home for her.*

Father and Children

"My sister died in 1918, leaving three children. Their father sold up the home and has made no effort to provide for them. The children have been brought up by their grandmother and aunt respectively. The father, himself an undesirable character, has remarried, choosing for his mate an undesirable woman, and he is now demanding the children of his first marriage. Can he legally claim them?"

"Humanist" says: *As the law stands the father is their legal guardian, but if he claims them through the court you can resist his claim on the ground that he is not a fit and proper person to have them under his control.*

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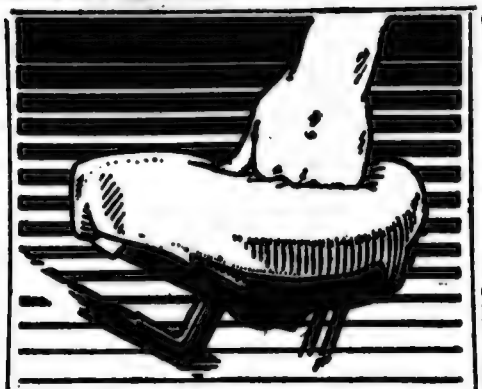

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Potters' Placer

After reading Mr. Wheatley's article I can assure him that he has exposed one of the vilest trades going, commonly known in the Potteries as potters' placer. It is a wonder to me that the majority of placers are not in mental asylums, as these men are continually carrying saggars on their heads weighing a hundredweight. They never know when big stacks of saggars will come crashing down.—*Potters' Placer, Stoke-on-Trent.*

Workers' Insecurity

The late Minister of Health does full justice to the workers' side in his article. Workers have a feeling that industry is too one-sided, that the employers who finance the concerns get a better return than the men who work them into prosperity. Workers have no feeling of security in the present system; they have no guarantee that the employers will give them a square deal. It is time for both sides to "come together."—*T. L., Taunton.*

Choking to Death

Mr. Wheatley's article is terrible to read. Men, women and girls, working in such places, under such awful conditions, are choking and rupturing themselves to death—workers whose only dividend is death, and such terrible death too. It is more than blood that these dividends are stained with, and it would do a lot of good if some of the five hundred who attend the feast each year at the Cutlers' Hall were given a copy of Mr. Wheatley's article to read.—*Truth, Hants.*

M.P.s Should Take Action

Mr. Wheatley's remarkable article should stir the country up throughout. That white men and women should get their "living" in the terrible way depicted makes one's blood boil. What are the M.P.s who represent these hell-holes doing? They ought to be made to "sit up" and get these infamous industries wiped out. I am a miner, and I always thought that coal-mining was the most dangerous occupation to follow; but now I am sadly disillusioned at the expense of my fellow-countrymen.—*Wm. Winder, Barnsley.*

Ugly Plate—Clear Conscience

Mr. Wheatley's powerful article on the slaves of Britain should make every decent person stop and think before he picks up his knife and fork again. There is a form of unglazed china to be obtained, in which the last deadly processes which give the delicate finish are omitted. Surely it is better to eat from an ugly plate with a clear conscience! Buttons are, again, being extensively used as trimmings for women's coats and frocks. If women can be made to realise the terrible conditions under which these are obtained, Mr. Wheatley's article will not have been in vain.—*N. H., London, S.E.*

Workers Bad "Capitalists"

Mr. Wheatley's article is justifiable; but sometimes articles of that description give the impression that all the blame is on the side of aristocratic employers. As a matter of fact, many bloated capitalists of to-day were workers, labouring under the same conditions twenty years ago. Whatever their sympathies then, many have little now. Again, many workers do not take advantage of welfare schemes for their benefit, and often defy the law. Finally, thousands of workers to-day are so keen on the stainless cutlery business that they ask no questions as to how they are produced.—*John Hulme, Bolton.*

Ten Per Cent. Limit

Sweated labour in cutlery factories likewise in chain-making and other industries, can be abolished by protection. Let Parliament pass an Act that no firm or company shall be allowed to pay a dividend of more than 10 per cent.—*Fair Play, Brentford.*

Women Left Hungry

Mr. Wheatley's description of a cutlers' feast as an occasion when "about five hundred men and women in white shirts and flimsy gowns sit and eat" is amusing. The women do not "sit and eat" with their lords and masters at the feast. The ladies assemble in the drawing-room, and when the men have finished feasting go up to the ladies' gallery to listen to the speeches. A feast of eloquence is the only "feasting" the unfortunate women get.—"*Sheffielder.*"

A Challenge

As a pottery worker, I should like to know where Mr. Wheatley obtained his information concerning the pottery industry and the men who carry "saggars." His statement that a "saggar" containing twelve plates weighs 200 lbs. is absurd. The true weight of this is about 50 lbs. I should also like Mr. Wheatley to name any pottery where men carry "saggars of hot plates into the fierce heat of the furnace." As a matter of fact, when plates are put into the ovens, both plates and ovens are cold.—"*Deebee,*" *Bristol.*

Church's Failure

The pulpits have clearly failed by their evangelistic utterances. The plea to the individual "to be saved," is nearly worn out because it has rarely been directed against corporate and wealthy iniquity. The churches have preached only half of Christ's message. They have taught brotherhood and the love of God by clamouring for the shedding of their brothers' blood!—*George H. Brunt, Norfolk.*

CRUEL GOSSIP

RECENTLY a woman committed suicide in a North London suburb, and at the inquest it was discovered that her life had been made intolerable by the empty but cruel gossip of neighbours and "friends."

At the moment the tongues of thousands of "Know-alls" are wagging with gossip about Hobbs and Newton.

No one knows so much about Newton as Newton, and his "Confessions" will be eagerly read in all parts of the world. A close acquaintance of Hobbs is also dispelling the fog of gossip by stating the exact truth about the man.

These two sensational documents are now appearing in *The People*. They are full of startling facts concerning the private and intimate life of these two men. Even the searching enquiries of learned counsel in the legal cases failed to reveal a tithe of what is disclosed for the first time in *The People* by the men who know all there is to know of Hobbs and his companion.

"My Confessions" by Newton himself, and "The Truth About Hobbs" by a close friend, are but two of several striking features of the revised but long-established Sunday paper, *The People.*

Final Award Pension

The final award pension is a qui way of getting rid of poor fellows w cannot defend themselves, or get "t up" with medical boards.—*J. R., Sta*

Too Late

What we want to know is who a the men who made these rules regardi the final pension award. Can they e themselves "Britishers"? I myse have no pension because the "fi award" rules that I was too late making my "appeal" after drawi the great amount of 7s. 6d. weekly.— *T. K. T., Bolton.*

Practical Religion

"A Gentleman with a Duster" shou know that the Church has lost "t faith and affection of the British people and I doubt if it can ever regain thes We need a practical religion—one th will fit itself into our daily needs.— *Doubter, Fortis Green.*

Combines and High Prices

The Government cannot ignore th "combines" much longer. Combin mean no competition, which spells hi prices. The workers are getting it in their heads that the only way to relie their woes is to combine all trade unio to enable them to force their demands.— "*Bullet,*" *Lancs.*

Society Jobbery

We have lately been much enlighten by a prominent case in the high cour as to high society people and the metho used to procure Government position in fact, positions. To the mind of th worker, there is only one conclusion that brains do not mean all in obtainin higher positions in life, and it would b wise for the Government to take ste to ensure that jobbery of this descripti should cease.—"*Civil Servant,*" *We mouth.*

Women on the Jury

I quite agree with your contributo on the subject of breach of promis There should be 50 per cent. of wom on the jury, for of late years ninet nine cases out of a hundred have end in the woman getting substantial damage Any decent girl who had really loved th man would not think of going to cour If there has been a true love on her par money compensation would be a sacrileg —*S. King, Hastings.*

Breach Blackmail

That many breach of promise cas constitute nothing more nor less th blackmail is true; but what of th scoundrel who, during the best years a girl's life, wilfully avails himself of h company with intentions which supe ficially pass as "good"? When h finds he has no further use for her, an when prospects of marriage have d minished, he commits a crime for whi the woman has to suffer with little mea of redress.—*B. S. C., S. Wales.*

Working Wives

There appears to be a growing practi for young married couples to contin working in their respective jobs aft marriage. Where a man is earning a adequate salary and there are no de pendent relatives, to allow his partn to continue work for luxury purpose and so deprive a genuine "out-o work" of a necessity, seems selfis Employers who retain in their servi these "pin-money workers" are doi an injustice to the unemployed.—*F. Doodff, Manor Park.*

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The bold Churchill will not be courageous enough to abolish it altogether, but if he would reduce the H.P. tax by half, he might still calculate on the original nine millions for next year.

There is no reason why he should hesitate. The motor to-day is taking the place of the horse of yesterday, and in our most decadent days we never dreamt of taxing the horse. In fact, a pair-horse van with a ton load is an obstruction on our modern highways. It takes more room and more time than a one-ton motor lorry. Yet the horse van is immune from taxation, although its iron tyres and shoes probably do more damage, while the petrol vehicle is penalised. I wonder where and how we got our reputation for common sense.

The H.P. tax provides a certain amount of protection from our American competitors, who build on more generous lines. The difference between £10 and £20 per annum in taxation for the whole life of the car is really a considerable tariff, but we would not expect that argument to weigh with a Free Trade Chancellor.

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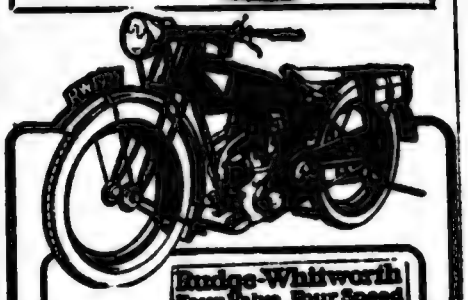

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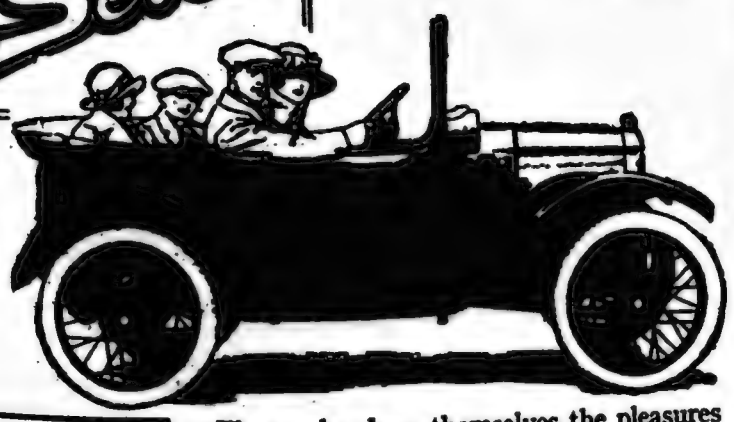

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Last Words on the Lincoln

Parth My Final For The First Big Race

THERE is an old racing axiom which says, "When in doubt, go for the top weight."

I have my doubts concerning the result of the Lincoln, and I intend to desert my original fancies and to plump for the one class horse in the race,

PARTH.

This is not a haphazard selection. It is based on information passed on to me, and which I have weighed up and sifted very carefully. The Lincoln of 1925 should not be the medium of a big gamble, but if you decide to follow the fortunes of Parth you can rest assured that you are on a rattling good horse, owned by a sportsman who is *always* out to win. Sir Gallahad was the class horse last year, and Roman Bachelor, second to White Bud, the class horse of 1923. Grand Joy should run into a place, and I think Dinkie is the best outsider.

Frank O'Neill, Parth's Jockey

The Money for Parth.

Parth should be backed at starting price as Mr. Macomber will only let him go to the post if fit for the task. So far, most of the money for the five-year-old has come from gambling associates of the stable who are taking a risk, but the owner is refusing to encourage any of his intimate friends to bet.

Best for the National.

I shall have one more opportunity of referring to the Grand National, but Fly Mask is and will be my black-lettered selection unless Mr. Filmer-Sankey decides to run Ruddy Glow. I was quite satisfied with the gelding's jumping at Manchester, where, by the way, he completed a nice 9 to 1 double with Lindholm at Lingfield for the code selection. "Major" Doyle, who rides, has a very high opinion of Fly Mask, and before last year's race he told a friend of mine that he considered Coulthwaite's charge the best horse for Aintree he had ever seen. In my opinion, Fly Mask would have scored last March if "Major" Doyle had been in the saddle. My second string for the National is Ballinode and the best outsider Upper Rathduff.

More French Enterprise.

Gorey will not face the starter at Aintree, but his sporting owner, M. Tillement, has decided to give proof of his serious intentions regarding winning this race in future by having erected on his own estate at Metz obstacles of the same kind as those figuring in the National course.

Sure to Get Round.

Ballymacrory, Moylan's mount in the National, is one of the slow brigade, but he has one great asset. He has never been known to fall.

Don't be a Flat on the Flat.

This is the time of the year when the Smiths, Browns, Joneses and Robinsons who have been in retirement since last November sit up, take a little nourishment, and begin to fill the capacious and rapacious pockets of the bookmakers. I am often asked if I think flat-racing can be made to pay. I think it can, but it is not a golden road to riches, and the wise punter should treat the game solely as a pastime. In commencing your campaign for 1925 don't forget the following points:

The man who *must* win generally loses. Backing favourites does not pay in the long run. A bet in every race every day leads to Queer Street. Back doubles if you like, but leave trebles and accumulators alone. Follow the code selections, and last, but not least, find a safe bookmaker. JOHN BULL'S Free Advice Service will tell you if your turf accountant is a man of substance.

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"Silver Ring's" code selection for the 4-mile race at Cheltenham was

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I have a letter before me from a punter who says that last season he lost £100. If every reader of JOHN BULL had suffered the same loss this would have meant ninety millions going into the pockets of the bookmakers. A huge sum of money. Fortunately the code selections showed a profit, so the unfortunate backer does not blame me. In fact, he is sufficiently optimistic to hope to recover his one-hundred Fishers, and asks me to give him six horses to follow. I like his spirit and have sent him the following:—

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The National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenham, which is run over four miles, provided its usual crop of thrills, only nine out of twenty-nine competitors completing the course. Naturally, I was pleased to see my code selection, Ardvasar, first past the post. Ardvasar was dog-tired and literally crawled past the judge's box, but his plight was the result of a bitter struggle with Little Jim. Little Jim was also dead-beat when he tumbled at the last fence. He lay where he fell for several minutes until his girths were loosened. Highball should have finished third, but he came down at the last jump also. He remained on his knees, his chin resting on the ground, until he regained sufficient strength to stand upright. It was a wonderful race to watch.

The "If" Lincoln.

(With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If Parth is fit the race is run and over,
If Steve rides Tapin need one hesitate?
If Jarvie stays his backers are in clover,
If Pando isn't restless at the gate.
If Condover has but the pluck to wrestle,
If Beresford is back to early trim,
If Grand Joy doesn't break a new blood-vessel,
If D'Orsay has regained his Guineas vim.

If lucky Alford proves Page Three a mascot,
If Elliott all Great Barriers sweeps aside,
If Dinkie runs the way he ran at Ascot,
If Mignault justifies old Ireland's pride,
Midst all the "if's" and "but's" that punters blink on,
And information from the-Lord-knows-who,
If you can find the winner of the Lincoln,
I raise my hat and make a bow to you!

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:—

Sporting Life and Sportsman, Sporting Chronicle, Sporting Pink, Western Mail, Glasgow Noon Record, Birmingham Mail, Irish Independent.

From March 23, when the Flat Race season commences, they will also appear in the additional papers here mentioned:

Cork Examiner, Aberdeen Sporting Express, Bristol Times and Mirror, Sheffield Early Bird, Portsmouth Sporting Mail, Sporting Mail, Birmingham Sporting Buff, Liverpool Sporting Express, Mid-day Sporting Special, Belfast Irish News, Mid-day Sporting Chronicle.

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This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from March 18 to March 21.

"SILVER RING"

Soccer this Week-End

Sheffield United, Cardiff, Blackburn and Southampton are the English Cup semi-finalists. I hope to see the first two at Wembley on April 25.

A far better lot of footballers could have been chosen for the trip to Australia, but a chance of seeing another part of the world for nothing did not appeal to most of the stars.

When people say certain footballers are not worth a few thousands of pounds they ought to think of Puddefoot. Already he has got back for Blackburn Rovers his purchase price and turned a poor side into a good one.

Sheffield United would be the team of the year if their half-back line was a little stronger.

Rangers have a 3 to 1 chance of bringing off the big Scottish double.

At the Arsenal ground, on March 30, two good teams of amateurs and pros. are to test the new off-side proposals. All the "heads" will be there, including the F.A. Council.

This has been Aston Villa's unluckiest season. Not once have they been able to play their best team.

WEEK-END COUPS.

7 HOME.—Newcastle, Sheffield U., Derby Co., Swansea, Nelson, Airdrieonians, Celtic.
5 HOME.—Blackpool, Derby Co., Ashington, Airdrieonians, Celtic.
3 AWAY.—Sunderland, Darlington, Rangers.
3 DRAWS.—West Ham v. West Bromwich, Charlton v. Brighton, Southend v. Swindon.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Swansea, Nelson, Celtic, Darlington, Rangers.
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Swansea, Darlington, Northampton v. Plymouth.

FORECASTS FOR MARCH 28

ENGLISH CUP.

Sheffield U., Cardiff.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—*Burnley, Preston, *Sunderland, Spurs.
DRAWS.—*Birmingham v. Newcastle, *Leeds v. Liverpool, *Notts. C. v. Huddersfield, Everton v. Aston Villa.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—*Chelsea, *Clapton Palace, *Leicester C., *Manchester C., *Wednesday.
AWAY WINNER.—Derby Co.
DRAWS.—*Coventry v. Fulham, Oldham v. Wolves, Stoke v. Portsmouth.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—*Brighton, *Bournemouth, *Bristol C. Gillingham, Millwall, *Plymouth, *Swindon.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Swansea, Southend.
DRAWS.—*Brentford v. Bristol R., Norwich v. Newport.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Accrington, *Bradford, *Darlington, *Halifax, *New Brighton, Wrexham.
AWAY WINNER.—*Southport. Ashington.
DRAWS.—*Hartlepools v. *Rochdale v. Nelson, Rotherham v. Walsall, Wigan v. Chesterfield.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—*Airdrieonians, *Celtic, Cowdenbeath, Dundee, *Hearts, *Hibernians, *Lanark.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Rangers, Hamilton.
DRAWS.—*Falkirk v. St. Mirren, Hamilton v. Partick.

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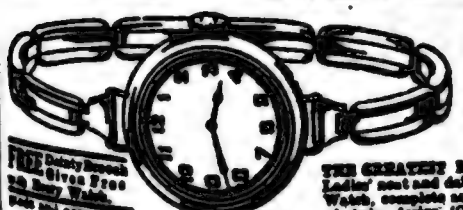
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John Bull's Letter Bag

THE Editor may be flippant on this page but his humour is kindly and never malicious, and he wants you to see it in this light. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note and take his leave with a smile. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service. See note at top of last column this page.

H. J. (London, S.W.).—"Is Raisuli alive or dead?" Yes.

A. J. B. (Plymouth).—"I write to you as a woman." But we're not!

W. M. (York).—'My youngest son is a budding poet." Nip him in the bud.

FLORA (Leeds).—"I was angry when he stole a kiss from me." Did you make him put it back?

P. C. (Leeds).—"I propose to write my memoirs." Then you should go in for a course of memory-straining.

T. C. (Bristol).—"Unfortunately I have the reputation of being a Jonah." No wonder you're down in the mouth.

BILL T. (Willesden).—"Housework is simple. I can do it as well as any woman." That's a sweeping assertion.

W. H. (Blackburn).—"My wife calls me a worm because I won't do the mangling for her." But even a worm will turn.

L. B. (Oldham).—"The professional cricketer is generally blessed with good looks." That is why he often bowls a maiden over.

C. T. (Dorking).—"Last year I relied on a misleading weather forecast and my hay crop was ruined." A matter of prophet and loss.

C. B. (Hampstead).—"In my latest part, my best friend wouldn't know me on the stage." But we expect your wife can tell you off.

PERCY B. (Biggleswade).—"What do you think the governor will say if I tell him I'm married?" That he's got a second wife to support.

O. B. D. (Lincoln).—"Life's voyage can be much more successfully made without strong drink." If you carry that out, how do you expect ever to get to port?

CELIBATE (Filey).—"What's the use of burdening oneself with a troop of squalling children?" You seem to be one of those who regard married bliss as all kid.

B. L. F. (Beckenham).—"I am thinking of seeking my fortune as a painter." Well, there ought to be plenty of jobs for you during the coming spring-cleaning season.

J. M. (Brighton).—"For misbehaving in class, my boy wasn't allowed to sit with his schoolfellows all day." Perhaps, if he'd had what he deserved, he wouldn't have been able to.

H. DE C. (Mayfair).—"Fashionable women now take their pets to dances." Something of a sensation was caused last week by a well-known Society leader appearing in a ballroom with her husband.

K. N. (Rochester).—"I don't believe in spirits." Perhaps you're right. Sometimes the label's a libel.

P. K. T. (Lewisham).—"The telephone played an important part in the Great War." The Silent Service?

L. B. (Egham).—"Were men ever provided with tails?" Maybe. But now they form their own conclusions.

P. W. T. (Epsom).—"Tilling the soil ennobles a man's character." As long as he doesn't cultivate too many wild oats.

L. T. B. (Pinner).—"A son is an expensive luxury." He may start as a dear little Willie and grow up to be a big Bill.

L. G. (Southend).—"I have written a seven-act play, but nobody will accept it." Tear it up and you may sell it as a stage snowstorm.

G. K. (Holborn).—"My dog bit the landlord." There may be no harm done, but get a vet. to examine the animal and make sure.

G. J. (Camden Town).—"Although nearly sixty, I can walk nearly five miles an hour." It must be thrilling to whiz past the 'buses.

H. B. (Kennington).—"The true wireless enthusiast is never satisfied." That's so. We heard one the other day declaring that he wanted a better earth.

J. B. (Lewes).—"She takes a seaside holiday every year solely in the hope of getting married." Where is she going this year? The Isle of Man?

G. N. (Amersham).—"Why do rats gnaw lead pipes?" Our theory is that at one time a plumber befriended a rat and the animal instructed its descendants to be grateful.

K. L. (Balham).—"I was shaved by a lady barber the other day, but she refused to chat." She evidently didn't want to scrape an acquaintance.

T. B. (Petersham).—"I've been asked by the Vicar to perform at a local concert but I'm very nervous in public. What'll I do?" Whatever you do, don't sing *that*!

J. Mc D. (Ipswich).—"I had the misfortune to go to sleep in a 'bus and found myself arrested." The policeman probably only pinched you to see if you were awake.

T. S. (Buxton).—"My doctor is a perfect darling." Ours is a little dear, too.

H. M. (Tooting).—"I had a good holiday on the Riviera this year." That was Nice.

H. K. F. (Marlborough).—"She is a curious woman." We've never heard of one who wasn't.

H. K. (Brixton).—"My great ambition is to be a musician." But don't come playing down our street.

G. N. V. (London, W.C.).—"There was enthusiastic cheering as the curtain fell." We've seen plays like that.

C. C. (Dorking).—"The words of the enclosed poem are original." They are certainly not in the dictionary.

L. M. T. (Nelson).—"I'm furious because I have been badly taken in." You appear to us to be badly put out.

H. K. (Drayton Park).—"Men are becoming less manly." Never mind. Women are becoming more manly.

T. L. C. (Ayr).—"Brunettes are generally more serious than blondes." The latter are inclined to be light-headed.

G. N. (St. Leonards).—"Are animals interested in wireless?" Well, if you pull cats' whiskers they'll soon start broadcasting.

H. N. (London, E.C.).—"A man who is courting should never forget to shave." Quite so. Otherwise, it's rough on the girl.

S. G. (Newcastle).—"Ever since I had an operation last July, my doctor has cut me dead." It's a good job it was not during the operation.

L. H. B. (Hertford).—"My friends say I have the makings of a film tragedy queen." Judging by your faint handwriting, you have even been shedding tears in the ink-pot.

F. M. (Thrapston).—"I just dabble in politics although I really know nothing about them." There's many a man with no more qualifications than you getting £400 a year for doing the same.

CAPT. R. M. R. (Norwich).—"My *Bullets* £100 comes as a greater boon than you will ever know." You are only one of many—and there'll be one more when somebody has pulled off this week's £500.

IF you want to know the time ask a policeman; Robert will tell you. If there's anything else you wish to know ask the JOHN BULL Free Advice Service; it is fully at the disposal of JOHN BULL readers and costs nothing. Send a stamped and addressed envelope with your inquiry—that's all you have to do. An expert staff deals with readers' queries—individuals with a deep and full knowledge of life and its intricacies. They can, and will, help you.

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B. T. (Hitchin).—"I am always full of my business." So you're a brewer, are you?

V. E. N. (Liverpool).—"He said I was his sunshine." It was probably moonshine.

G. R. T. (Portsmouth).—"The loaf is too expensive." The loafer is even more expensive!

S. T. (Southampton).—"This is the very last letter I'll send you." We're reading it slowly, with tears.

P. B. (Bishop Auckland).—"Poets are born, not made." Isn't it rather mean to round on your parents?

PERCY G. (Sheffield).—"I've got the sack although I swear I've done nothing." Probably that's the reason.

MRS. F. (Nelson).—"They are very short pints we get in our milk bottles." In short, it's condensed milk.

JACK L. (Hereford).—"I called her a silly flirt, but why did she call me a silly ass?" It's a cross word puzzle.

D. L. (Brighton).—"My coal merchant chalks his prices on a lump of coal." Nothing like putting it on the slate!

O. P. (Chelsea).—"I have painted a picture of a ship in a storm for your opinion." It makes us feel quite sick.

W. N. (Dorchester).—"One girl is tall and the other short, but I can't make up my mind." Of two evils, choose the less.

B. A. (Brixton).—"Do the United States possess a motto?" Yes. It is: "Whoever enters here abandons hops!"

"MATER" (Ilford).—"For my part, I should like to see summer-time abolished." Well, you had your way last year, didn't you?

A. G. (Wolverhampton).—"People laugh at me because I'm engaged to a man with a very big nose." Do they expect you to break it off?

L. P. N. (Norbury).—"Though she is well over fifty, my mother-in-law is going to get married again." At any rate, we can congratulate *you*.

F. F. (Tenby).—"Is there really much difference between the two sexes?" Undoubtedly, as is evidenced by the number of differences.

C. D. (Exeter).—"I want a cook that is punctual, honest and obedient." In the meantime, we suppose you have to put up with just a cook.

D. S. (Birmingham).—"My young lady has developed an expensive craving for crystallised fruits." And you don't appreciate such a candied friend?

P. T. (Baldock).—"Now that twins have arrived I won't be able to afford a two-valve set." You'll have to be content with your pair of loud squeakers.

B. F. (Aldershot).—"A man needs only patience and perseverance, and he can accomplish anything." Try setting a kettle on a cold grate and telling it to boil.

G. C. (Maidenhead).—"I wonder what would happen if we all practised what we preached?" Life would be very dull. There would be no one worth preaching to!

2 LO Listening

HELLO! Hello! Hello! Listen in, 2LO, Showman calling.

I thought you might be glad to take a rest from broadcasting and listen-in for a change.

I wish to say a few words about the current issue of *The Passing Show*.

Will Dacey contributes a wireless article that should appeal to you. He makes some original suggestions and sets forth his idea of a perfect wireless evening. You may not share his views, but you will certainly share his smiles.

And when you have finished smiling with Will Dacey, there are a host of other merry-makers at your service.

That inimitable humorist, Ashley Sterne, takes the spring poets to task for the inaccuracy of their statements. Some, he declares, deserve to have their poet's licences endorsed!

Then there is a joyous burlesque article on "Spring Modes for Men" by Maxwell Douglas, who imparts the interesting information that "trousers will be all the rage this year."

"Sheikhs for Hire" is another arresting title. Where can one hire a Sheikh? L. T. Barnard will enlighten you.

One of the minor tragedies of Spring-cleaning is depicted in a clever drawing by A. C. Barrett.

"Beating the Bookmaker" is the theme of an article by Walter C. Reynolds, who tells how this seemingly impossible feat may be accomplished.

A. C. Gardiner contributes an article in his best vein, whilst amongst the other contributors are Will Scott, Bassett Digby, Gilbert Wilkinson and Leo Cheney.

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Sick Family and a Young Man's Burden

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There is more suffering in silence on the countryside. Hodge, the humble tiller of the soil, is less clamant for relief from his troubles than is his city-bred brother, and often we should hear nothing of his sorrows but for some kind soul who gently lifts the veil of secrecy.

Such a case was brought to our notice last week by an unobtrusive social worker in a little Radnorshire parish.

IN a tiny cottage there lives a respectable widow, who had a hard struggle to bring up her three children. Her eldest, a son, became the chief support of his mother as he grew into manhood, but his country called him during the war, and lately he has been found to be suffering from tuberculosis, and has had to be sent to a sanatorium.

The mother has been an invalid with a dropsical complaint for a considerable time, and latterly has been quite incapacitated, unable even to do the housework.

Her only daughter left her place to return home and attend to her mother, but now she, too, has fallen a victim to the same dread disease as her brother.

There remains the youngest, a youth devoted to his sick family, who works hard as a farm labourer and gives all his wages for their support. His meagre earnings, however, are quite insufficient to supply the necessary nourishment for his mother and sister.

To add to the distress, last week the rate-collector called, but there was no money in the house to buy food, let alone to meet his demand, and the future of the family is one of the utmost difficulty.

A few friends of our correspondent have clubbed together to pay the rates so as to maintain the roof over the heads of these stricken souls, and "The Greatest of These—" Fund has provided a little towards the extra nourishment.

OUR means of relieving such tragedies are limited to the extent of our readers' contributions, which are totally inadequate for all the deserving cases placed before us. Please help us more in this labour of love.

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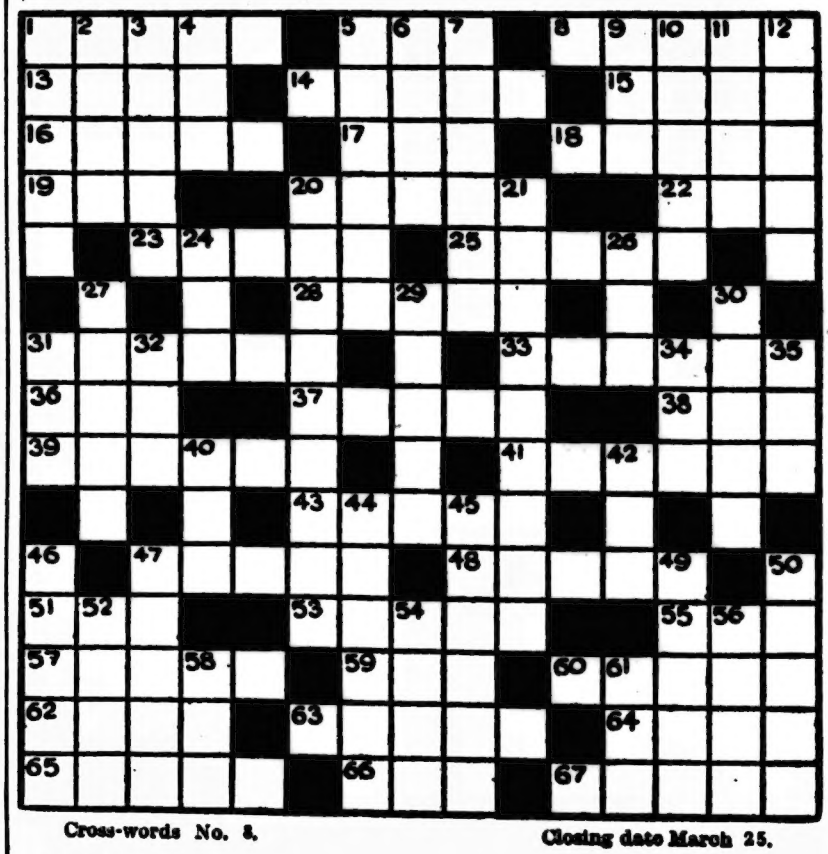

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CLUES.

ACROSS

1. First appearance.
5. Never seen dead.
8. Striped animal.
13. Human organs.
14. A cluster.
15. Tackle.
16. To crawl.
17. Sailor.
18. Precious stone.
19. Girl's name.
20. Those who are deceived
22. Lair.
23. Unit of heat.
25. Edges of a roof.
28. In connection with.
31. One before the other.
33. Natural cover for optic.
36. To copy.
37. Heavenly messenger.
38. Fuss.
39. Powerful.
41. Made of a soft metal.
43. Ancient British race.
47. Grammatical operation
48. Particulars.
51. By way of
53. A clandestine departure.
55. Heated.
57. Christian name of Dickens character.
59. Outer edge of a vessel.
60. Raised platform.
62. Heather.
63. A reckoning up.
64. Lazy.
65. To bar.
66. Cereal.
67. Scoff.

DOWN

1. Rot.
2. To gain by labour.
3. River in Middlesex.
4. Employ.
5. Fall of the year.
6. Break.
7. Shelter.
9. Oval-shaped body.
10. Ladies' neckwear.
11. A levy.
12. Place for exhibitions.
20. To adapt for theatre.
21. A small star.
24. Bricklayer's appliance
26. Extend.
27. Young cockerel.
29. Bird of prey.
30. Horseman.
31. To stir gently.
32. Snare.
34. Youth.
35. To assume
40. Spanish Queen's name.
42. Equip for war.
44. Basement
45. A test.
46. Small e
47. Preservative covering
49. Out of the sun's rays.
50. To gui
52. Rainbo
54. Greasy
56. Amorou glance.
58. Time pe
61. Mineral

Fill in the puzzle squares, write your name and address in the space provided, cut out the whole, and post to Cross-words No. 8, P.O. Box 200, "John Bull," London, W.C.2. Cross-word solutions must not be enclosed with "Bullets" coupons.

Another Fine Cross-Word Puzzle in "The People" on Sunday.

"Bullets" Bullion

MOST of the ships that put into Chatham Dockyard come on the business of His Majesty. But Mr. W. H. Scott, of 4, Boley Hill, Rochester, knows of a ship that sailed into his home port only a short time ago, bearing for him *Bullets* bullion in the shape of a £250 First Prize.

Amongst those working in the Dockyard who heard about his success and envied him so substantial a prize was Mr. P. W. Britcher, of 21, Trinity Road, Gillingham, already a *Bullets* competitor himself with small prizes to his credit.

Perhaps there is something infectious about success. At all events, his fellow employee's achievement seems to have strengthened Mr. Britcher's determination to capture a *Bullets* First for himself—an ambition which he achieved last week, when his *Bullets* ship came home with a similar cargo of £250. His First Prize *Bullet*—HOME OR AWAY—OUR "PALACE TEAM" SCORE—condensed in sporting terms our whole-hearted admiration for hard-working royalty, and the winner may well be proud of such an effective effort.

There is encouragement for other competitors in Mr. Britcher's letter acknowledging the news of his success. "As an enthusiastic competitor for many years, I have met with varying successes, from 'Targets,' novels and half-crowns up to Turkeys and a £3 3s. prize which I won in the Christmas 'Guineas' contest. Although I have now reached the 'top of the bill,' I am hoping it will not be 'for one week only.'"

The successful effort provides another good instance of how originality of phrasing can turn a simple sentiment into a telling *Bullet*. Thus the *Example*—HOME AND AWAY—brought in a number of efforts such as PRINCE ALWAYS FIRM FAVOURITE and similar references, but they were obvious and unconvincing beside the ingenuity of OUR "PALACE TEAM" SCORE.

Let originality also be the keynote of your *Bullets* for the current one-week contest, in which the First Prize has been doubled to £500. Many of the *Bullets* we receive are little more than bald statements such as that food is too dear, that work is wanted instead of doles, that houses should be built without delay; familiar sentiments like these can only get you into the prize-lists if you phrase them in some fresh and striking manner.

What sort of a *Bullet* will win this "Double-First" of £500? Nobody knows more than that it will be the best *Bullet* which is received, so why should not a *Bullet* of yours supply the answer to this question and secure for you the solid sum of £500. There are only a few days left before the closing date, March 26.—Hurry up with your entry!

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EVERY article advertised in "John Bull" carries with it a "money-back" guarantee. Naturally this guarantee applies only to manufactured articles, but every care is taken to satisfy ourselves as to the bona fides of all advertisements in "John Bull."

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£500

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EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 556.

BALDWIN'S PIPE
PRICE WE PAY
QUITE ENOUGH
ON TRIAL
A DAY'S WORK
RUNNING SHORT
WHAT WE FEAR
WORLD'S MARKET
ON THE SCRAP-HEAP
UNWRITTEN LAW
CLOSING THE DOOR
BITTER PILL
PICTURE OF INNOCENCE
IF HUSBANDS STRUCK
KEPT UNDER
UP HIS SLEEVE
WHY HE'S A MILLIONAIRE
DAY AND NIGHT
FOR MOTHER
UNNECESSARY
WHAT MARY JANE SAID
LOVE'S WIRELESS
WHAT WE'RE TOLD
IF DREAMS CAME TRUE
NOT FOR US
WHEN WOMAN RULES
MENDING
ON THE WAR-PATH
HER BUSINESS
LONG WAY TO GO
HOW WE LIVE
WHAT IS FAME?

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

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Choose any of the *Examples* printed; then give any **Two, Three,** or **Four Words** having some bearing on the *Example* chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you:—

Example:—WHAT SHE BELIEVES *Bullet*:—PIECE SHE'S MASTERED, MASTERPIECE.
Example:—SCIENCE *Bullet*:—PROFESSOR SMITH NOW SMITHEREENS.
Example:—MATRIMONIAL HANDICAP *Bullet*:—SHE KEPT "ASKING MOTHER."

ENCLOSE A POSTAL ORDER AT THE RATE OF 6D. FOR EACH COUPON USED.

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Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 26.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(556) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 26.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(556) P.O. No. _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 26.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

Example _____ Closing Date, Thursday, March 26.
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(556) P.O. No. _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

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SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 557.

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These Examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, APRIL 2.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **557** in the top left hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 557, JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. 556.

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MUST BE WON

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	INDIGESTION SYMPTOMS	
	In Stomach / In Bowel	
GASES in STOMACH with eructations.		GASES in BOWEL or Flatulence.
Sharp Neuralgic HEADACHES.		Dull, Heavy HEADACHES.
ACID in Stomach with HEARTBURN.		ACIDITY causing Gout and Rheumatism.
TONGUE coated white all over.		TONGUE coated yellow at back.
COMPLEXION blotchy, with redness of Nose.		COMPLEXION muddy or pasty.
EATING disliked. Some Nausea.		EATING disliked or loathed. Biliousness and bad taste in mouth.
PAINS darting through Chest, Burning Spot behind left Shoulder Blade.		PAINS in Bowel, Griping and CONSTIPATION.

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